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To enable you to understand this opportunity I will have to tell you the difference between "lighting" and "illumination." Lighting is the source of light — illumination is the useful result of lighting. You install lighting to provide illumination.

Different human activities require different kinds of illumination. And the illumination varies in two ways: (1) The amount of light delivered, and (2) The color or character of the light delivered.

Until recently all of man's inventive genius was aimed at producing more light from a given amount of electricity.

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A backlash

Fluorescent lamps are affecting the eyes of the people who work under them. Eye strain has risen to an all time high level. Nervous disorders are on the increase. The efficiency of employees is showing a serious drop-off due to tensions caused by eye strain.

The cause? GLARE! Glare is reflected light entering the eye at an angle different from the angle at which the eye is focused. Fixture manufacturers have adopted scores of louvers for their fixtures in an attempt to cut down glare. But these louvers cut down the amount of light delivered to the working area — particularly as they become crusted with dust.

And, in spite of partial reduction, glare continued.

until—

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A simple invention

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An instant success

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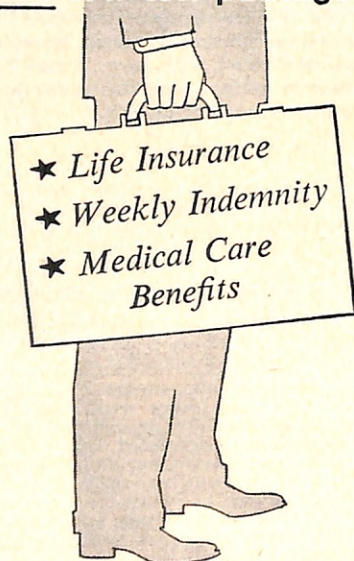
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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

"The Joy of Giving"

As this issue reaches our readers, the Vermont State Elks Assn. is getting under way one of the most outstanding campaigns for obtaining contributions to the Elks National Foundation that has been conducted by any State Association. The goal is to have the Vermont Elks regain their leading position in the nation as the largest per capita contributors to the Foundation. John B. Finck, President of the Association and a member of Bellows Falls Lodge, issued a challenging Proclamation, naming the first three weeks of March as "Elks National Foundation Weeks For Vermont Elks", saying: "with the earnest hope that every Brother and every lodge in this State will purchase a share in Elkdome."

A Committee Chairman has been appointed in each lodge, and every effort will be made to enlist subscriptions for \$100 Participating Memberships, to be paid in full, or \$10 annually. Clarence V. Akley of St. Johnsbury, Vt., Lodge is Chairman of the Vermont Elks Foundation Committee. Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley particularly complimented him for the "comprehensive plan of action which you contemplate. I know that the Grand Exalted Ruler will be pleased because you are responding to his appeal in a most effective manner. I am confident that Vermont will come through with an outstanding record for this present Grand Lodge year," said Mr. Malley in a letter to Brother Akley.

Many readers will recall the splendid article that Dickson Hartwell wrote in

our March 1955 issue, entitled "Foundation For Their Future." In the article Mr. Hartwell cited the case of Henry Preising, a veteran who became a quadriplegic as a result of an accident and whose first year's education as a mathematics tutor was made possible by a Foundation Grant. Last year Mr. Preising inadvertently forgot to file for his scholarship before all the Foundation funds allocated for this purpose had been distributed, and it seemed as though it would be impossible for him to continue his second year at Boston University, although he had made the Dean's List. Hearing of the situation, Boston Lodge came to the rescue and made an immediate appropriation, sufficient to finance his education at B. U. "It's things like this that should make you proud to support your lodge activities and our Elks National Foundation", said Exalted Ruler Alfred Gross in a special message in the Boston Lodge Bulletin.

J. Perry Silver, Jr., who is sponsored by Boise, Idaho, Lodge and is the recipient of a \$700 grant of the Elks National Foundation, wrote appreciatively recently to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Malley, Chairman of the Foundation, saying: "This letter is to renew thanks to you and the Elks National Foundation Trustees for the \$700 Grant awarded to me for assistance in financing my senior year in physical therapy at the Medical College of Virginia. I am finding the professional phase of my training even more interesting than I had previously hoped for."

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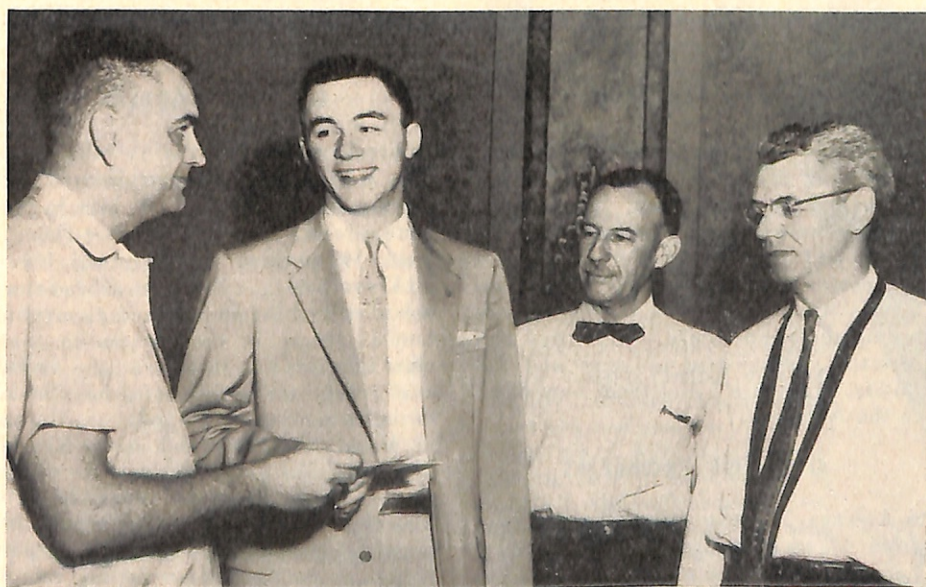
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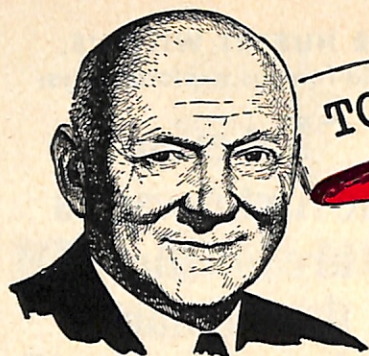
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This picture was taken when Ben Lynch of Horseheads, N. Y., received a \$500 Elks National Foundation scholarship. He was sponsored by Elmira, N. Y., Lodge. At the presentation from left to right: William Dobberstein, Chairman of the District Scholarship Committee; Ben Lynch; Thomas Craig, Chairman of the Elmira Lodge Scholarship Committee and Thomas P. Lynch, Exalted Ruler of Elmira and Ben's father.



TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



DISTRICT OFFICIALS have a transit headache which by August 15 may become an acute pain in the neck. It is the problem of setting up a system to run the street cars and buses in the Metropolitan area. Last July 1, a strike tied up Capital Transit Company and until August 22 mass transportation was a mess. Hot-headed accusations were tossed back and forth and a tired and over-heated Congress finally passed a law which puts CTC out of business by canceling its franchise on August 14. As that date approaches the city finds itself with a transit system which none wants to buy. It will take \$20 millions, and probably much more, to get a public transit authority established and it begins to look as though people in the District of Columbia are going to pay more, one way or another, even if the fare remains at 20 cents. Studies made in other cities show that bus and trolley fares have decreased steadily while operating costs keep rising. When the spread between bus and taxi fares is only a dime people ride taxis. Publicly owned systems also do not pay taxes, and losses are made by various subsidies. In Toronto, for instance, where a ten-cent fare is popular, the yearly loss, estimated at \$3 million for 1956, is made up by a direct cash subsidy which the taxpayers pay whether they ride or not. That might work in Washington if some way could be found to make up the deficit. Right now a lot of government workers who ride buses to work are wondering if red tape can be slashed and differences ironed out so that service will be available on and after August 15.

SIESTAS POPULAR

More Senators and other high officials are taking rest periods after lunch, so one hotel advertises afternoon naps for \$1.50. The siestas are attracting favorable notice. While the official is napping the secretary can go shopping.

BIGGER "WHISKY ALLOWANCE"

What is called the "whisky allowance" in the Federal budget is going to be almost doubled next year. Last year it was \$575,000 and the new request is for a million. It's a fund for official entertain-

ment by American diplomats and for expenses of prominent visitors. In the budget it is listed as "allowance for entertainment necessary in the conduct of official duties." Much of it goes for food, flowers, wreaths and plaques, for champagne, cocktails and the like but everybody calls it the "whisky allowance."

LUNCHEON SURPRISE

Ambassador to Italy Clare Booth Luce has a wrist watch with an alarm bell and the thing accidentally went off during a luncheon at Perle Mesta's home. A dozen guests stopped talking and it was all very confusing until Mme. Ambassador explained. She has it so she won't stay too long at dinner parties in Rome.

INCOME TAX SHRUBBERY

It now turns out that the shrubbery around the Internal Revenue Service Building is a species called "taxus", which in some parts of the world symbolizes misery. The shrubbery is common in many European cemeteries. It is as hard to get through as an income tax form, and is sometimes known as the "dismal yew". Somebody planted the stuff around the building 20 years ago and it gets tougher every year.

WEATHER BY ROBOT

The Navy comes out with another astounding gadget, a robot weather station called the grasshopper. It is dropped by parachute and after it lands six legs unfold and it stands upright on them and out comes an antenna. At various intervals it sends out Morse code signals telling the temperature, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure and humidity. They are using them now down in the Antarctic.

OLD AGE PROBLEMS

Average life expectancy has jumped from 47 to 69 years, Surgeon General Leonard A. Scheele reports, and this has created new problems for doctors and hospitals. Tuberculosis deaths for instance have decreased 95 per cent since 1900. More people now live to a ripe old age and need treatment for the

chronic diseases, such as cancer, heart, etc. As a result hospital treatments have been considerably revised in the last several years. More beds are needed.

TRASH ALONG HIGHWAYS

"Litterbugs" cost the nation \$30 million a year, says the American Automobile Association which plans a big drive this Summer to reduce the amount of trash and rubbish left along the highways by careless motorists. Manufacturers of canned, bottled and paper-packed merchandise are being asked to print notices on their labels to deposit the containers in a trash can.

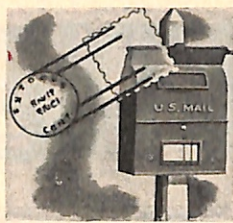
PUBLIC LAND SALES

Uncle Sam's public lands continue to shrink as more and more tracts are disposed of to private citizens. During the present administration nearly 700,000 acres of the public domain have been turned over to private interests. During the first and second administrations of President Truman the public land decreased 259,000 acres and 659,000 acres. In addition to those who have secured title to land there are some 17,000 ranchers who now hold grazing permits to Federal land in the west.

DISTRICT BABBLES

Wreckage of an auto in which two boys were killed and four injured was exhibited at all high schools here to promote safe driving . . . New State Department \$49 million building will house 5,142 workers . . . Many U. S. Senators now display beautiful colored pictures of famous scenes in their states on their office doors . . . Mayors at the recent conference here were briefed on what to do in case of atomic attack . . . Heroes in World War I and II and the Korean War won 560 Congressional Medals of Honor . . . Civil Defense wants all families to keep on hand a 7-day emergency home food supply . . . National Airport is getting better radar spotting equipment along with New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Chicago . . . A man who stole a manhole cover and couldn't sell it for junk was arrested when he brought it back to the hole.

What Our Readers



Have to Say

Please, please help us! Settle the argument of the "days" at our home. What is the key point to the

Roll of Honor cover picture in the February issue? The four students, books in hand, are wiping off the Roll of Honor. For students? Or is it that insignia above for a Veterans Post?

Mrs. F. B. Jenson

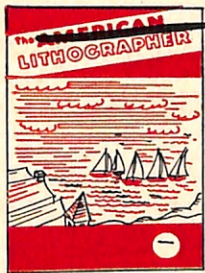
Superior, Wis.

We were very glad to hear from Mrs. Jenson, because some of our other readers may have been a bit puzzled by our February cover, showing the Roll of Honor in a typical small town. The idea we had in mind was an early morning scene after a snow fall, with the young people on their way to school stopping to clear the snow from the names of the boys in the town who had served their country during World War II, and whose sacrifice had been by no means forgotten.

I am very much interested in your Elks Workshop Department. It is very instructive for the "Do-It-Yourself" fan. In fact, I have the write up from every issue of the Magazine.

Michale J. Lawlor

Sherman Oaks, Calif.



THE NAME IS NATIONAL LITHOGRAPHER

A member of the Editorial staff of The Elks Magazine has a

very pleasant, friendly relationship with Mr. Harris W. C. Browne, Editor and Publisher of the National Lithographer.

Thoughtfully and generously Editor and Publisher Browne placed the Editorial writer on the mailing list of his publication.

Seeing an article in that splendid magazine bearing the title of "A Quiet Press May Need Oil" he wrote an editorial based thereon that appeared in the February issue of The Elks Magazine but allowed to pass him the error of crediting the article to the American Lithographer rather than the National Lithographer.

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AMERICA'S FINEST PIPE MIXTURE

TURMOIL IN THE

Here are the reasons why the United States is vitally concerned with the complex situation existing in the Near East countries.

ANYONE who comes up with prompt and decisive answers—yes, no, right, wrong, black, white—to the complex problems of the Near East and Middle East is probably a phony. Throw him out!

In that area of turmoil there are wheels within wheels, clashes within clashes. There are two sides to almost every argument. The sensible thing is to avoid snap judgments and get as much information as is possible.

The United States is concerned with this area for several reasons.

Idealistically, we are committed to the belief that peoples who want to be free and remain free, should be allowed to do so. We oppose attacks upon those freedoms.

In support of that conception we have made certain specific military commitments that bear upon this area. The most important are those to Pakistan and those to Turkey.

We have also made some economic commitments—and are willing to make more—to assist in the development of resources that can be useful to the several countries involved and profitable, in the long run, to us. We are definitely concerned lest some of these resources (such as Iranian and Arabian oil) fall into hands that are hostile, not only to these various peoples, but also to us and the purposes of the free world.

This brings us, of course, into a basic clash of interest with the Soviet Union, since control of these resources has been a long-standing goal in Russian policy. This goes deeper and further back than the mere desire to spread the Communist gospel. Russian policy for two centuries has worked toward the idea of getting further outlets to the south. This means control of the Dardanelles, connecting the Black Sea with the Mediterranean, in the west, and an outlet to the Persian Gulf to the east. This, in turn, means obtaining a flanking across to the Indian subcontinent by way of Afghanistan. This has been the historic "route of the conquerors."

It was certainly no accident that the first case of aggression with which the United Nations was called upon to deal

was the persistent Soviet occupation of northern Iran. This was the foot in the door and fortunately world opinion was strong enough to force the Kremlin to withdraw it. The objective has not been abandoned, however, and the present policy is to make use of the various clashes in the Near and Middle East to obtain further advantage.

To meet this threat, some of the nations immediately in the line of attack have come together in the defensive alliance known as the Baghdad Pact. The threatened nations are Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Pakistan. Great Britain, because of the strategic interest in the eastern Mediterranean and the Suez is a signatory to the pact, and the United States, for similar reasons, is giving it economic support through its members.

There have been repercussions. There is hostility to the pact from the Arab states because of its alignment with the West. There is opposition in India because it strengthens Pakistan, the rival neighbor. There is opposition in Egypt because it undercuts the place of the earlier Arab League by setting up a structure that is neither Arab nor Moslem. And of course there is profound hostility from the Soviet Union and the satellites because it puts the Communists on notice that these particular sheep are not ready and willing to be led to the Red slaughter.

This clash of interest between the Communists and the free world is fundamental. There is no formula in sight for its solution. "Co-existence" has never been anything but a trap for the unwary and unless and until the basic drive of Russian and Communist policy is changed the free world will have to remain constantly on guard. Meanwhile, the Soviets are able to take advantage of the secondary clashes in the area. If one can fish in troubled waters it is manifestly advantageous to keep on troubling them.

The most obvious dangerous area of strife for many months has been the struggle between Israel and the Arab League members, notably Egypt. Here, again, it is folly to pass a snap judgment. There is right and wrong on both



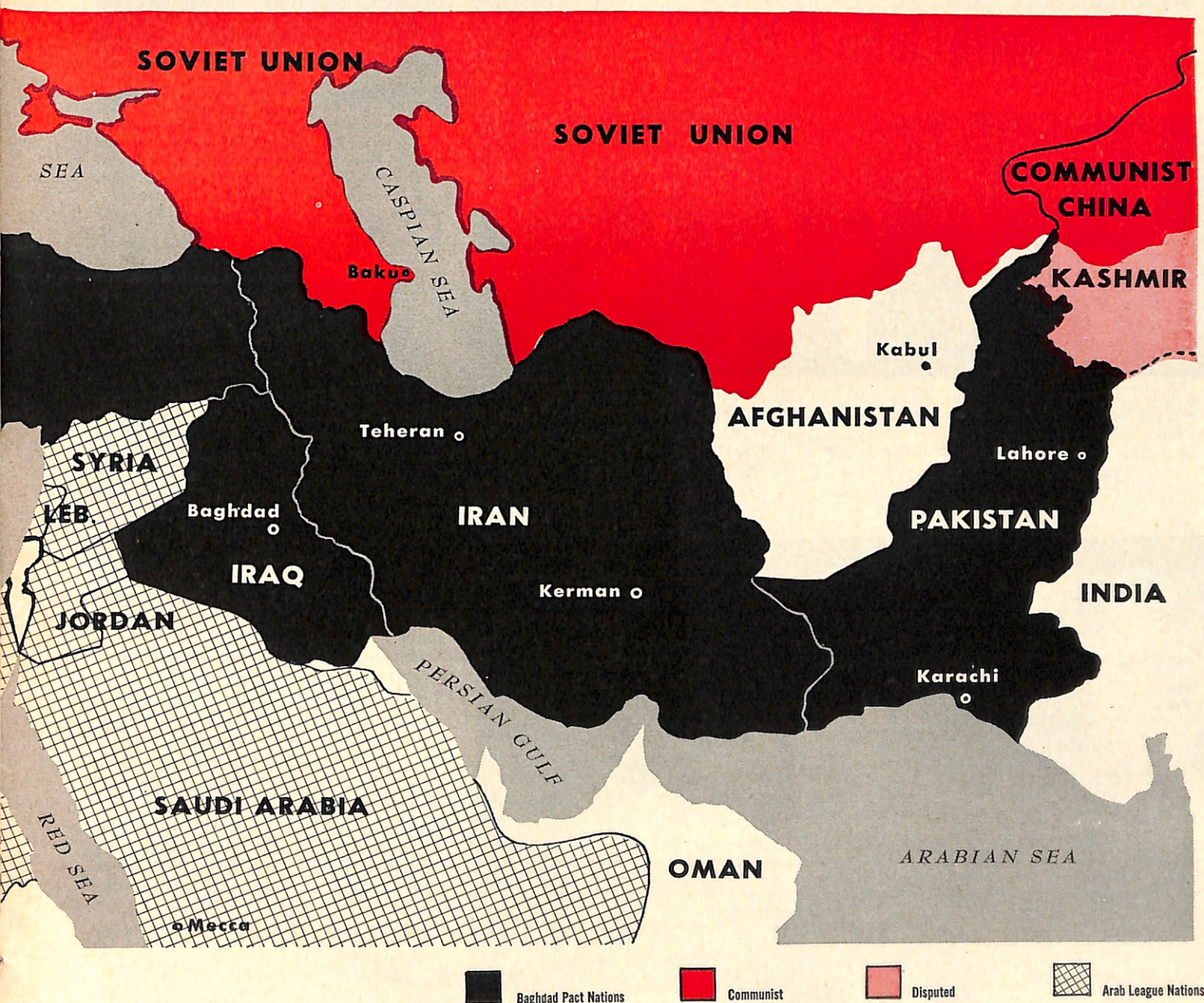
MAP BY LEONARD KESSLER

sides. At given times and places the Israelis have undoubtedly been arrogant and aggressive. Part of this is the natural consequence of the atmosphere of a newly independent state. Such a state "feels its oats". We did the same thing after we became independent. It is possible to see this mental process at work in half a dozen young nations. India and Indonesia are conspicuous examples.

The situation has been aggravated, in the emotional sphere, by the fact that the creation of the new Israeli state meant the displacement of a large number of

NEAR EAST

BY ROBERT AURA SMITH



Arab residents of what was Palestine. A "refugee" problem is always likely to be explosive and this one has been no exception. It is the Israeli position that these "refugees" are welcome to return at any time if they will accept the fact of the Israeli state.

This, however, does not come to grips with the problem of basic mistrust. This particular tension cannot be eased unless and until the United Nations, with the United States help, takes more far-reaching and satisfactory measures to care for those who have been displaced.

This basic mistrust goes deeper than the problems of individuals and families. The Israeli state has been set up with massive outside assistance, especially from the United States. The skills and devotion of its people would no doubt have made the new nation successful in the long run, without such aid, but the fact is that American capital has been poured in, publicly and privately. The Arabs resent this. They regard the Israeli state both as an artificial creation and as an externally supported threat to their own long range security

and way of life. Rightly or wrongly, the most of the Arabs regarded the British protectorate in Palestine as a buffer against the expansion of the more diligent (and sometimes more intelligent) Jews. That buffer has been removed and the Arabs are nervous.

Some of the fruits of that nervousness have been sheer nonsense. When the Arab League talks about "driving the Jews into the sea" it is bearing witness to a sad situation in which some of the Arabs are simply substituting bluster for

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Visiting the Lodges

with John L. Walker



On January 11th the Grand Exalted Ruler held a meeting with the lodges of Utah at Salt Lake City, and present, seated left to right, were: Chairman Grand Lodge Auditing Committee Seth Billings, Governor J. Bracken Lee, Mr. Walker, District Deputy John C. Green, Jr. and Thomas J. Schow, Pres. State Elks Assn. Standing from left to right: Exalted Rulers Roy Elliott, Jr., Provo; Hal E. Christensen, Cedar City; Jack Smith, Jr., Price; Leslie Foutz, Ogden; John R. Bowen, Logan; Grattan J. Sullivan, Tooele; J. Dewey Davis, Salt Lake City; P.E.R. Hamilton Laird, Eureka, and R. F. Bircumshaw, Park City.

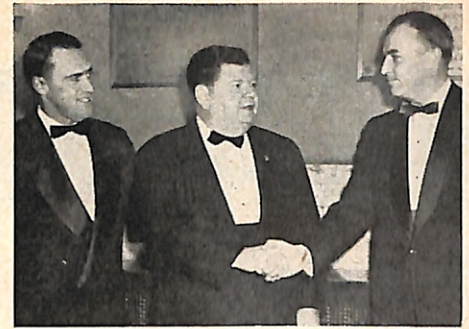


When the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Tamaqua, Pa., on December 7th, among those attending the banquet were, left to right: Past District Deputy Daniel J. Reese; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard R. Davis; A. Lewis Heisey, Vice Pres. Penna. State Assn.; Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Past Exalted Ruler Howard R. Miller; Exalted Ruler Haydn F. Evans; Grand Secretary Lee A. Donaldson; District Deputy John R. Hauser, and Past Exalted Ruler P. H. Mundy.



Meeting Mr. Walker at Eugene, Ore., airport on Jan. 14th to escort him to Corvallis Lodge for the State Convention, to be reported in our April issue, were, left to right: Elmo Anele, Grand Lodge State Assn. Com. member Frank Hise, former member Grand Lodge Ritualistic committee member Al Wagner, Mr. Walker, District Deputies Hal Randall, W. M. Davis and Stewart Patty.

Discussing plans when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Belleville, Ill., Lodge on Jan. 18th were, seated left to right: Vice-Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees Nick H. Feder, Mr. Walker and P.G.E.R. Henry C. Warner. Standing: Mayor H. V. Calhoun, Rev. Edmund Lugge and E. R. Roy J. Mank.



On November 1st, New Brunswick, N. J., Lodge held its 60th Anniversary Dinner. Among those present were from left to right: Mayor Chester W. Paulus, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker and Exalted Ruler Francis E. Meagher.

ON DECEMBER 19th, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker was at CLIFTON FORGE, VA., LODGE for the annual Christmas party. A large group was in attendance and Mr. Walker was presented by Exalted Ruler F. L. May. Following this very pleasant occasion, the Grand Exalted Ruler returned to his home in Roanoke for the Holidays.

The Grand Exalted Ruler arrived at Los Angeles airport about 11:30 P.M. on December 29th. He was met by C. P. Hebenstreit, Past State President and Past Chairman of Grand Lodge Activities Committee. R. Leonard Bush, Past State President and Past Grand Esquire. Robert P. Mohrbacker, junior Past State President, Oscar Stutheit, D.D. and L. A. Lewis, PGER. He was driven to the home of L. A. Lewis where he remained over night.

On December 30th, he conferred with PGER Lewis and issued orders for the sending of \$12,500 to the flood sufferers in California, the fund to be disbursed by the California Elks Association.

On the evening of December 30th, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were escorted from the Lewis home in Whittier by eight motorcycle police comprising the Huntington Park Mounted Patrol to HUNTINGTON PARK LODGE. After a cocktail party in the



When Amherst and Hamburg, N. Y., Lodges received their Charters on October 26th, present seated left to right, were: Past Grand Lecturing Knight J. Theodore Moses; Exalted Ruler, Hamburg Lodge Wilbur A. Hillwig; Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker; Exalted Ruler, Amherst Lodge, George N. Hadley, and Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, President, N. Y. State Elks Assn. Standing, left to right, Ralph T. Grattage, Sr., P.S.D.D. Gordon B. McKay, Harold Harris and D.D. Clifford A. McNaboe. Brothers Grattage and Harris were Co-Chairmen of the occasion.



Biddeford-Saco, Me., Lodge gave a lobster and clambake in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor on October 1st, and present left to right were: Past Chairman, Grand Lodge State Assn. Committee, James A. Bresnahan; Past Grand Exalted Ruler E. Mark Sullivan; Exalted Ruler Anthony R. Thomas, Portland; Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley; Exalted Ruler M. Arthur Costello, Biddeford-Saco; Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Past Pres. Maine Elks Leon F. Jones, Maurice W. Coomer and Edouard Cote.



Standing before the sterling silver punch bowl with 18 cups and silver tray, presented to the Grand Exalted Ruler by the California North District, Calif. State Elks Assn., at Sacramento Lodge on Jan. 9th, were left to right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Exalted Ruler Frank Lagomarsino, Mr. Walker, District Deputy J. Marvin Deter and Clyde Goodnight, Exalted Ruler of Marysville Lodge.



Inspecting the Christmas decorations on the porch of Danville, Va., Lodge on December 15th, were left to right: Chaplain Robert H. Clarke, Henry H. Hogan, Stover J. Morris, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Past Exalted Ruler John E. Otto, Past State Pres. Walter E. Barrick, W. L. Oakes, Frank H. Venters, E. E. Gatewood, and Past Exalted Ruler Rollie C. Nye.

patio of Huntington Park Lodge a banquet was given in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor at which over 250 officers of lodges in Southern California, past and present Grand Lodge Officers, State Association Officers, District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers and President Jim B. Nielsen of the California Elks Assn. were present. At a lodge meeting held immediately thereafter the Grand Exalted Ruler delivered an eloquent address to over 800 Elks present in the beautiful lodge room of Huntington Park Lodge. At the conclusion of this address, PGER Lewis was asked to escort the GER to the altar and Brother Hebenstreit, presiding officer, directed Mr. Walker and Mr. Lewis to turn around—and there stood a little crippled girl named Mary
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These lodge officers welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler to Clifton Forge, Va., Lodge on December 19th. Left to right: Dick Somers, Rev. Robert Hunt, Virgil Rhodes, Harry Rooklin, Exalted Ruler F. L. May, F. L. Griffith, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, E. W. Mays, Billy Melton, Aubrey E. Dean, A. D. White, William Golladay, Secretary and W. H. Gorman.



Officers and Past Exalted Rulers of Warrensburg, Mo., Lodge welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler on Jan. 17th. Seated fourth from left is Past Grand Esquire H. H. Russell and to his left D.D. John E. Craig, Mr. Walker and E.R. Garrett R. Crouch. Seated fourth from right is Floyd Brown, Field Representative of the Elks National Service Commission. Standing to right, in back of E.R. Crouch, is Past State Pres. H. R. Garrison.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, right, chats with Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, left, and Exalted Ruler Stanley G. Stebbins at San Francisco Lodge on January 6th.



On January 4th the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Santa Barbara Lodge, and present, front row left to right: Past Exalted Ruler Paul Sanchez, William J. Vickery, C. P. Hebenstreit, member Grand Lodge Activities Committee; Horace R. Wisely, Secretary Board of Grand Trustees; Exalted Ruler Jerry Harwin, Mr. Walker, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, William Lasarsig, John Morey and Liberty Tomberg. Rear row, left to right: Past Exalted Ruler Charles M. Taylor, Gustave Ahlman, Tom Brown, Past Exalted Ruler Richard A. Feliz, Vice Pres., South Central Coast District Carl Dwire, Hugh Groff, Paul Metzner, Eldred Hutchison, Past Exalted Ruler G. M. Mickelson, Past Chairman, State Assns. Committee Vincent H. Grocott, and Martin DePiazzi.

Blankenship. Mr. Walker immediately got on his knees in front of the little girl, pinned his white carnation on her and then Brother Hebenstreit stated to the GER that in lieu of a gift to be purchased with money, Huntington Park Lodge was going to dedicate the reha-

bilitation and recovery of this little child to our GER. PGER Lewis regarded the scene as the most moving ever observed in a lodge room.

The evening was highlighted by presentation to the GER of a check for \$1,000 to the Elks National Foundation

by John Schliefer, bringing his total up to \$2,500 contribution to the Elks National Foundation.

It was also highlighted by the presentation by Eugene Estep, Leading Knight of San Pedro Lodge, on behalf of the
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Early in January when G.E.R. Walker visited Pasadena Elk's Cerebral Palsy Cottage, where 24 youngsters are treated daily, present left to right were: P.E.R. of Pasadena, Judge William E. Fox, G.E.R. Walker, Joanne Polacco, E.R. Harry Crawford and P.G.E.R. L. A. Lewis.



Entering Huntington Park Lodge on December 30th, left to right: Past Exalted Ruler Larry Stevens, Exalted Ruler Donald E. Murphy, Mr. Walker and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis.



Above: Welcoming the Grand Exalted Ruler to Palo Alto Lodge on January 5th were, left to right, Exalted Ruler George R. D. Estcourt, Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis, Mr. Walker and District Deputy Francis H. Cislini.

Right: At San Mateo Lodge on January 6th, back row left to right: Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, Exalted Ruler Herman E. Hinrichs and Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis. Seated: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hinrichs and Mrs. Lewis.



TUNING IN ON TUCSON

to get the Elk Fraternal Center picture

THE ELKS of Tucson, Ariz., sponsor an Armed Forces Center which is a mecca for servicemen from nearby Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and Fort Huachuca. One of a dozen sponsored by the Order under the auspices of the National Service Commission, the Tucson Center maintains a busy schedule which includes picnics, contests, games, variety shows and dancing to music by popular local orchestras and, once each month, to the well known Fort Huachuca Army Dance Band.

Under the guidance of the lodge's capable Committee Chairman, P.E.R. Tony A. Blanton, Mrs. Mable M. Pomeroy, known as "Mom" to everyone who frequents the club, arranges the programs and coordinates all the activities, which are numerous and varied. Within a few weeks, for instance, there were a dozen dances, a jam session, a TV party, potluck supper, a Surprise Party, a Birthday Dance for all servicemen celebrating their birthdays that month—some of these events are informal, some are semi-formal, but all of them are all highly enjoyable.

Saturday Night Never Dull

The Center is busiest on Saturday night when the regular weekly dance is held. Most of the time free refreshments are available; one party, for example, saw 300 generous servings of ice cream and cake disappear.

The Service Center has a game room, lounge and TV room, and a large ballroom where the dances are held and which is frequently redecorated by the Elks' Junior Hostesses, a group of about 150 young ladies selected from the student body of the University of Arizona and from the staffs of local banks, hospitals, offices and shops. Even work is made pleasant here; these girls, and many of the servicemen who utilize the Center's facilities, get together to fix up the Club at what are called "decoration parties".

Community Appreciative

This activity has earned the Elks of Tucson the deep respect of the entire area; last year more than 56 outside organizations helped them in this effort by sponsoring parties, serving refreshments and bringing popular entertainment to the Center. Another Elk project which aids the community, it offers our military personnel a home-like atmosphere in which to relax in off-duty hours.

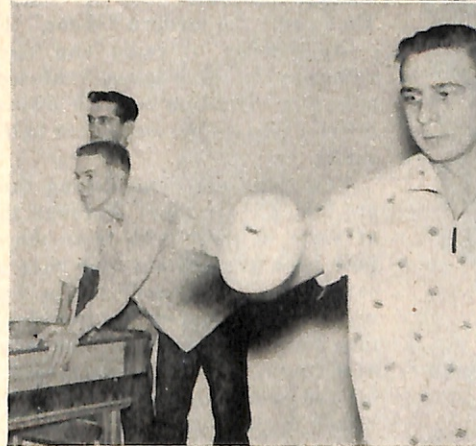
Dances at the Center every Saturday and holiday evening are always well-attended. Chuck Brady and his popular Tucson orchestra played for this particular event, which was highlighted by an energetic jitterbug contest.



Airmen Richard D. Mack and Hal Benton stride briskly into the Fraternal Center which is maintained for their leisure-hour entertainment by the Elks of Tucson, Arizona.



Below: The Center has a small refreshment counter in its game room, where the servicemen and the Elks' Junior Hostesses stop for an occasional snack. Making pleasant use of the counter here are Airman Mack, Hostess Frances Clark, Airman 3rd class Donald H. Phillips and Hostess Georgia Hutton.



Left: Airman 3rd class James Sandefur returns a serve at the ping pong table in the club's game room. Other facilities available include pool, shuffleboard, pinball machine, checkers and bingo; there are also television sets, a radio-phonograph, cards, books, magazines and stationery.



What's RIGHT about

Baseball may have some problems—but records show that the game is as strong today as ever.

BY FRANK C. TRUE



CHRISTY MATHEWSON



HONUS WAGNER



BABE RUTH

AS TIME CASTS A LONG SHADOW back down the baseball trail, strange things happen in the imaginations of men. Opinions, once critical, become the spawning ground of legend. Golden dreams of yesteryear relegate modern heroes to the stature of pigmies alongside the Titans of history.

It is the eternal rhapsody at work—the myth which can't survive the glare of truth. Against the graybeard's extravagant claims for the idols of his day, youth can but listen, awed and dismayed that he should have been born in such an inferior age.

Once there was a legendary era, it seems, when the Cobbs, the Speakers, the Lajoies and a battalion of other greats all flowered in the same period, making baseball what it "once was." Then came the modern "chaos," they say—the dynasty of radio and television, withering minor leagues, confused business men doubling as club owners and inferior players performing in half-empty stadia.

Yes, these are discouraging times, we are told. Or are they? Through the eyes of some of those who were there, let's pull back the curtain and have a peek at what actually went on in baseball, say, during the roaring twenties, when men were supposed to be something they aren't now. With no unwarranted regard for the so-called halcyon days, let's see what's in the bottom of the barrel.

If a 50-year view of the scene and an unprejudiced mind are sufficient, Edward T. Brannick, secretary of the New York Giants, might qualify as the first witness. Eddie's career at the Polo Grounds began at the age of 12—as a messenger boy whose duties consumed what seemed to be an abnormal amount of time sitting beside John McGraw in the dugout. He's been with the Giants ever since, watching them come and go.

"It's risky business, this trampling on the toes of sentimentalists," said Eddie, "but why be too timid to face facts? Anyone who has traveled with major league clubs for the last thirty or forty years knows there's a tremendous difference between the old and the new. In every sport where ability can be

measured with a steel tape or stopwatch, the moderns have it all over the old-timers. Why should baseball players be the only athletes on the face of the earth who haven't improved?

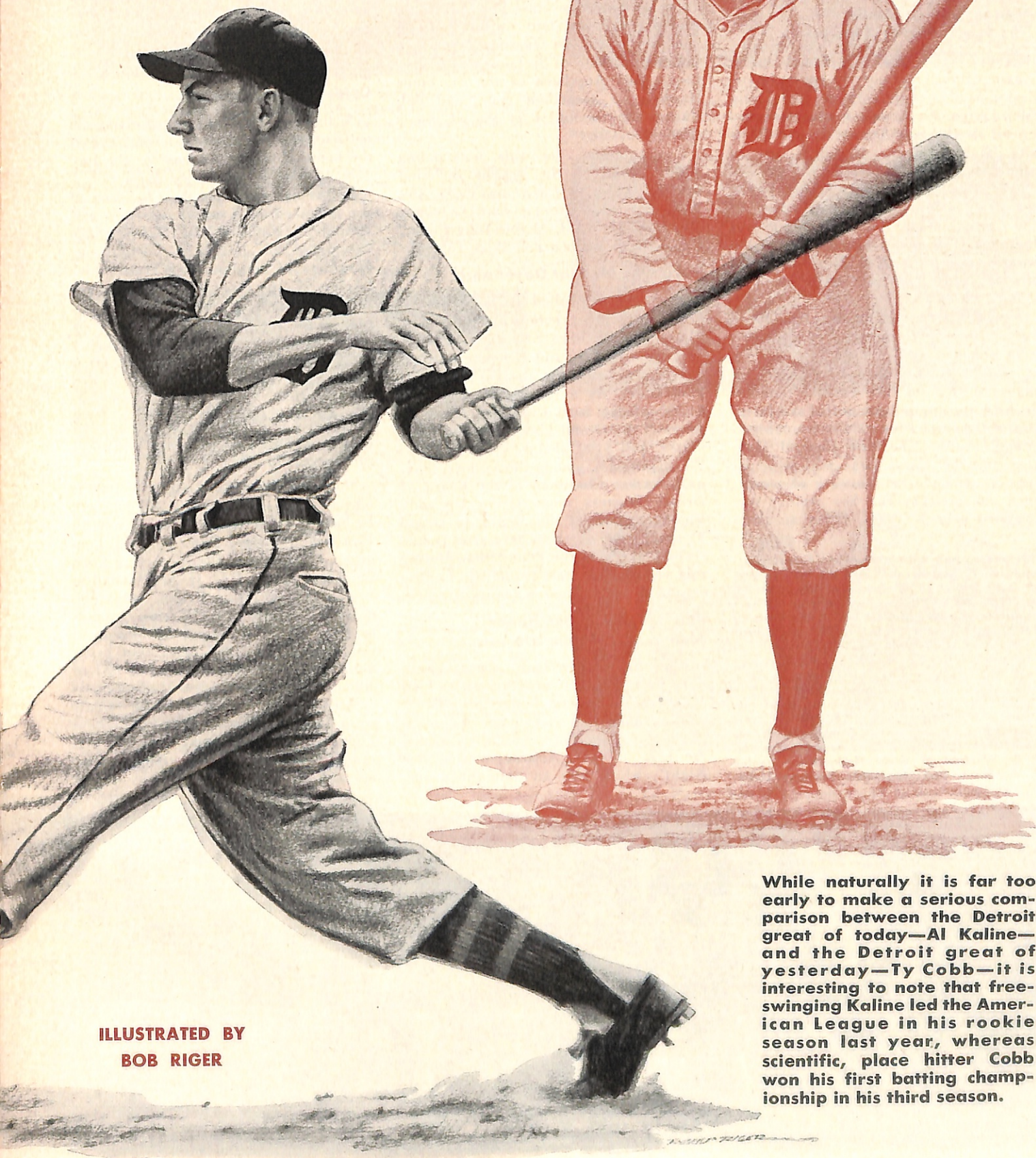
"I've been watching pitchers work since the days of Christy Mathewson. You can take my word for it, today's pitchers as a group are much smarter. The way they figure out batters' weaknesses is unprecedented. They sit in the dugout during the visiting team's batting practice, making a careful study of opposing batters' strong and weak points on every pitch. They're specialists. They know their job far better than the old boys did.

"It's common practice to point to records of a comparatively few old-time pitchers and hold them up as something that can't be surpassed today. Just remember there's no such thing as a licorice, emery, paraffine or spitball now. Also, the modern ball has no raised seams to help a pitcher. Each time the slightest grass stain or scuff-mark appears on a ball now, it is replaced with a shiny new one. Who can say what records such men as Robin Roberts, Whitey Ford and many others might have if they could use all the aids the old-timers had? Comparisons just aren't logical.

"As for the other departments of the game, you pick your all-star team of, say, 1925 and I'll more than match it with present-day players. Yes, Tris Speaker was a great outfielder. I saw him play many times. I've also been looking

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Baseball!



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While naturally it is far too early to make a serious comparison between the Detroit great of today—Al Kaline—and the Detroit great of yesterday—Ty Cobb—it is interesting to note that free-swinging Kaline led the American League in his rookie season last year, whereas scientific, place hitter Cobb won his first batting championship in his third season.

News of the Lodges

Marion Gets St. Louis, Mo., Elks Sports Figure Award

With Joe Garagiola, former major league catcher and current sports broadcaster, as Master of Ceremonies, St. Louis, Mo., Lodge, No. 9, welcomed an overflow crowd to its Sixth Annual Sports Celebrity Night Dinner. Highlight of the affair was the presentation of the St. Louis' Outstanding Sports Figure Award for 1955 to Marty Marion, Manager of the Chicago White Sox and a resident of the area. The actual presentation of the award was made by E.R. Virgil M. Nixon, who also gave Marion a clock as a special gift from No. 9.

On hand for the celebration were three of the four previous award winners—Stan Musial and Al (Red) Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals, and Enos Slaughter, Kansas City Athletics outfielder. Ed Furgol, top-flight golfer and recipient of the trophy for 1954, was unable to attend. Frank Lane, new General Manager for the Cards, was the principal speaker, and the brief speech of acceptance delivered by the Sox mentor was televised over KSD-TV. Other speakers

This photograph was taken when Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge celebrated the homecoming of D.D. Walton S. Gagel. Dignitaries seated with E.R. W. C. Eisenhardt and lodge officers in the foreground include P.D.D. Frank Crowitz; Chief Justice John F. Scileppi of the Grand Forum, and N. Y. State Elks Assn. Pres. F. J. Fitzpatrick, Vice-Pres. Dr. Morris Milstein and Past Pres. Frank D. O'Connor, Queens Dist. Attorney. Others in the group include P.E.R.'s Thomas M. Gray and State Sen. James G. Sweeney of the host lodge; E.R. Edward Carlson and P.E.R.'s George Olsen and W. R. Goerke of Lynbrook; P.E.R.'s R. E. Miller and L. C. Weniger of Great Neck; State Trustee P. A. Erwin and Magistrate Anthony Livoti.

at the gala program were Paddy Keough, who was a contestant on baseball on television's "\$64,000 Question" program; Coach Ed Hickey of St. Louis University; Coach Red Auerbach of the St. Louis Hawks' pro basketball team, and Bob Burnes, Sports Editor of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Committeemen for this outstanding sports event of the season included George Carson as Chairman, C. W. DeWitt, Lawrence Horan, Ray Gillespie, Bob Bauman, E. H. Siesel, Tony Pinter, P.E.R. R. J. Betlach and Buzz Taylor.

Iowa Elks Meet at Davenport

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, speaking before the Midwinter Meeting of the Iowa Elks Assn., at Davenport Nov. 25, 26 and 27, made a strong appeal for pledges to the Elks National Foundation. As a result, he received a \$1,000 pledge from Chairman Clyde E. Jones of the Grand Lodge Pension Committee, and \$100 pledges from 20 other Elk dignitaries, among them Lloyd Maxwell, former Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and Arthur Umlandt, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, both of whom have already subscribed \$1,000 to the Foundation. During this session, the State Ritualistic Contest was held, with Decorah taking the title.

Phoenix, Ariz., Elks Honor Members in Public Life

Elks in government service were honored at the first program of its kind observed by Phoenix Lodge No. 335.

More than 300 Arizonans, including many of the State's top officials, attended the first "Elks in Government Service Night", which was an unqualified suc-

cess. Sharing the spotlight were U.S. Senator Carl Hayden, Gov. Ernest McFarland and Rep. John J. Rhodes, all Elks. P.E.R. Alex W. Crane originated the idea of this tribute, an effort "to instill in all public servants the same qualities of service . . . upon which our Order was founded".

During the evening, Stephen C. Shadegg who won a Freedom's Foundation Award for an original script he wrote for the Phoenix Elks' Flag Day Service in 1954, presented to the lodge the special plaque he had received.

Georgia Elks Hold Cold-Weather Session

A total of 155 Elks representing 36 of Georgia's 39 lodges were on hand at the home of Griffin Elksdom for the Jan. 15th Meeting of their State Assn.

Following reports of the Chairmen of the Scholarship, Youth Leadership and Ritualistic Committees, Grand Lodge Committeeman Robert G. Pruitt, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for "Aidmore", the Ga. Elks' Crippled Children's Hospital, delivered an address embracing the activities of the Hospital, for which he then accepted checks totaling \$42,784.28. Of this sum the Elks' Aidmore Hospital Auxiliaries gave \$10,355.67, and an additional \$2,200 to landscape the Hospital grounds.

Elks Will Be Busy at Beaverton, Ore.

Now that Beaverton Lodge No. 1989 is official, it is safe to say that Elksdom will be hard at work in those environs. With Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Longergan, a member of the sponsoring Portland Lodge, and D.D. H. M. Randall as two of the officiating Grand Lodge officers, and former Grand Lodge Committeeman Clifton B. Mudd as Master of Ceremonies, No. 1989 came into being with a total membership of 707, 583 of whom were initiated on this occasion.

Assisting in these important events were Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee and several P.D.D.'s, as well as a group of present and former E.R.'s of nearby lodges.





St. Louis, Mo., Lodge honors the community's "Outstanding Sports Figure of 1955" as E.R. Virgil M. Nixon, left, presents the Elks' Perpetual Trophy to Manager Marty Marion of the Chicago White Sox at the lodge's Sports Celebrity Dinner, a popular event since 1951.

Below: The members of Altoona, Pa., Lodge's hard-working Investigation Committee photographed at a recent dinner. In existence for the past four years, during which time the lodge has accepted 186 new Elks, the group represents a total of 211 years' affiliation. They are, left to right, foreground, N. E. Lynam, Sr., Trustee H. A. Lutz, Chairman and P.E.R. W. W. Heller, Trustee E. O. Stander and W. F. Ronan; background: C. A. King, W. J. Rowan, E.R. J. E. Makin, P.E.R. and Secy. Earl T. Blair and H. F. Knotts. Not present was B. W. Irvin.

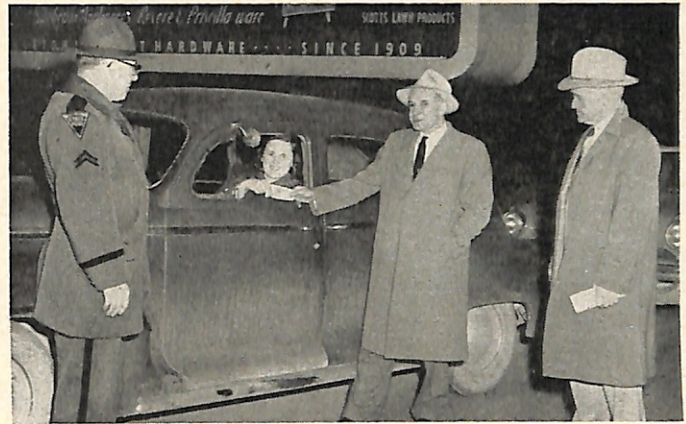


Among the honored guests were D.D.'s W. L. Davis and S. W. Patty and Pres. Martin Coopey, Vice-Presidents D. V. Bulger and Vern Moore, Secy. Harold Harp, Treas. H. M. Randall, Sgt.-at-Arms Charles Halden, Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms John Graham, Tiler Kenneth Cale, Trustee D. E. Starks Sr., and Past Pres. Hans Soll of the Ore. Elks Assn.

Elkdom Notes the Passing of Mrs. Bennett

The death of Mrs. Marie Carleton Bennett, the first policewoman in the United States, and Atlantic City's first beach cen-

At Muskegon, Mich., Lodge's 22nd Annual Football Banquet honoring high school players of the county, left to right, Everett "Sonny" Grandelius, 1950 All-American from Michigan State, Coach Bennie Oosterbaan of the University of Michigan eleven, three-time All-American, 1955 All-American Earl Morrall of Michigan State and Jim Morse, Captain-elect of the Notre Dame gridiron group.



E.R. M. G. Belcher of Princeton, W. Va., Lodge hands a five-dollar bill to Mrs. M. M. Yost, one of only seven motorists found by Mr. Belcher, State Police Cpl. E. D. Bazzie, left, and Mayor Amos Beam, right, in the Elks' Safe-Driving Day effort to reward courteous drivers.



The Nebraska Elks Assn., a pioneer in rehabilitating crippled children, through its Pres., Paul D. Zimmer, second from right, presents the keys to a new ranch wagon to P.D.D. E. C. Mudge, the Assn.'s Crippled Children's Committee Chairman, third from left. Others are, left to right, Past State Pres. T. L. Connelly, H. L. Blackledge of the Grand Forum and Gov. Victor E. Anderson, a member of Lincoln Lodge.



sor, has been reported to us by Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick.

In a newspaper account of Mrs. Bennett's passing, forwarded to Mr. Jernick by Past. Pres. Harold J. Wertheimer of the N. J. Elks Assn., it is indicated that she was the daughter of William Carleton, one of the Order's founders. The third man to join the "Jolly Corks", he served that group as Recording Secretary from 1868 until the adoption of the ritual of the second degree and the new election of officers. He died in 1885.

Tulsa, Okla., Elks Reward Young Talent

Mary Hazelton, a 16-year-old high school student, won the 4th Annual Talent Show sponsored by Tulsa Lodge No.

946. Her piano solo before a crowd of 150 persons earned her the \$100 U. S. Savings Bond offered as first prize over 11 finalists. A total of 48 contestants participated in the competition, open to youngsters under 18 years of age. Second-place honors and a \$50 Bond went to Vicky Manry, a talented eight-year-old acrobatic dancer, while the third prize, a \$25 Bond, was awarded to Mark Finnerly, 8, and Judith Thompson, 7, an adagio apache dance team.

Some of the finalists will entertain the Okla. Elks at their Convention in May, while all entrants will make a trip to the VA Hospital at Muskogee to perform for the servicemen there. An Elk spokesman stated that motion pictures of the finals would be shown throughout the State.

"TO OUR ABSENT



The Las Vegas High School Rhythmettes perform the thrilling Candlelight Ceremony to the accompaniment of the voices of the Community Choir at the Nevada lodge's prize-winning Service.

ONCE AGAIN, the Memorial Services which have been conducted by our lodges on the first Sunday in December for so many decades were the principal subject of attention among our members on that Sunday in 1955. As has been the custom for the past seven years, the lodges were invited to submit their reports on these Services to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities. The response to this invitation was most enthusiastic, and the Committee made its difficult decision as to the most outstanding affairs following the compilation of these reports in accordance with the number of members of the lodge concerned.

Stars Shine at Las Vegas Rite

For the second time, the Elks of Las Vegas, Nev., put their best foot forward in planning their traditional observance and came through with a truly impressive ceremony which won them top honors in Group I, for lodges of more than 1,000 members. Held in the crowded auditorium of the Las Vegas High School, this Service was attended by hundreds of outsiders who were apparently deeply impressed by the proceedings, arranged in perfect keeping with the solemnity of the occasion by Chairman A. H. Bowler and his Committee. Appearing on the program were Miss Yola Casselle, who rendered "The Lord's Prayer", and Lauritz Melchior, both of whom were appearing at "The Desert Inn" at that time. These two stars were only a small part of a really magnificent musical program which included the voices of the Las Vegas Community Choir and the Kiwanis Quartet. An impressive highlight of this rite was the Candlelight

Ceremony performed by the Las Vegas High School Rhythmettes, the girls' precision drill team which won wide acclaim during a nation-wide tour sponsored by the Nevada Elks last summer. P.D.D. V. Gray Gubler delivered the eulogy with P.E.R. W. Otis Wright giving the Eleven O'Clock Toast. Rabbi Arthur Lebowitz asked the Invocation, and Msgr. Wm. J. Devlin delivering the Benediction.

Dean and Choir Participate

Very Rev. James M. Malloch, Dean Emeritus of St. James Cathedral and a member of Fresno, Calif., Lodge was the inspiring speaker at the program which won second-place honors in this category for that branch of the Order. The St. James Cathedral Choir, considered one of the finest choral organizations in the San Joaquin Valley, furnished appropriate background music for this ceremony in which E.R. Neil L. Ellis, his fellow officers and P.E.R.'s of the lodge played an important role. The entire Service was recorded for rebroadcast by Station KYNO, with a special narration delivered by the lodge's Publicity Chairman, Wm. F. Benedict.

Past masters at the art of arranging dramatically religious memorials with infinite taste, the members of Nashville, Tenn., Lodge presented an unusually fine program which earned the Grand Lodge Committee's approval for third place in this group. P.D.D. Earl F. Broden offered the Eleven O'Clock Toast in a most exemplary manner, while Rev. Pickens Johnson, the lodge's Chaplain, gave the Memorial Address. These exercises were interrupted at intervals by a talented instrumental ensemble and several soloists.

Honorable Mention in Group I was

awarded to Astoria, Ore., El Paso, Tex., Fargo, N.D., Idaho Falls, Ida., Inglewood, Calif., Juneau, Alaska, Ketchikan, Alaska, Lewiston, Ida., Milton, Pa., Milwaukee, Wis., Norwich, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa., Phoenix, Ariz., Pueblo, Colo., Quincy, Mass., Rochester, N.Y., Scranton, Pa., Seattle, Wash., South Bend, Ind., Tucson, Ariz., and the South Dakota Elks Assn.

Savannah Success Repeated

Savannah, Ga., Elksdom was successful once again in securing first place in its group, comprising those lodges boasting between 500 and 1,000 Elks—an achievement it first realized in 1953, and again in 1954. Two well-known members of the Savannah bar, P.E.R. Robert E. Falligant, P.D.D., and Andrew J. Ryan, Jr., were speakers at this outstanding Service conducted before a large and attentive group at the lodge's lovely home. Under the leadership of E.R. A. A. Thomas, the ritualistic program, memorializing the ten Savannah Elks who had passed away during the year, was carried out in a smooth, well-organized manner. Est. Lead. Knight Walter F. Kiley was Chairman of the Committee which arranged this afternoon Service.

Hon. Sumner Gage Whittier, Lt. Gov. of Massachusetts, gave the address at the Winthrop, Mass., Elks' program which was awarded second prize in Group II, a repeat of its success of 1954. The Bay State Choral Society rendered several musical selections, and State Assn. Pres. Michael J. McNamara delivered the Toast. State Representative Fred A. Baumeister, former Secy. of the lodge and a P.E.R., was presiding officer.

San Benito, Tex., Lodge's fine affair, conducted jointly with the Elks of Brownsville and Harlingen in the latter's home, won third-place honors. San Benito's E.R., Vernon Booth, opened the solemn ceremony during which C. Worth Wood of Harlingen Lodge, a talented speaker, delivered the address. The Secretary of each of the three lodges called the roll of deceased members, while Robert Murphy of Harlingen Air Base sang several solos, accompanied by Mrs. A. J. Tucker, an accomplished organist. Following the formal program, to which the public came in large numbers, the Elks' ladies served refreshments.

Lodges receiving Honorable Mention in this group are Anaconda, Mont., Annapolis, Md., Birmingham, Ala., Camden, N.J., Cut Bank, Mont., East Liverpool, Ohio, Eau Claire, Wis., Gloucester, Mass., Goshen, Ind., Hudson, N.Y.,

BROTHERS"

Huron, S.D., Jackson, Tenn., Kewanee, Ill., Lakewood, Ohio, Lawrenceville, Ill., Manila, P.I., Mattoon, Ill., Mount Carmel, Ill., Pomona, Calif., Price, Utah, Robinson, Ill., Springfield, Vt., Traverse City, Mich., and Zanesville, Ohio.

Pleasing Background

At the top of the list for lodges of less than 500 members was the impressive interpretation of the Memorial Service rendered by E.R. August Heyler and his officers of Lyndhurst, N.J., Lodge. An overflow attendance of Elks as well as non-Elks enjoyed this truly representative program, planned with obvious care by the special Committee. Set amid a floral display, the altar stood before a background of starlit sky and mountains on which stood the figure of an elk. By candlelight, the Secretary read the names of the members who had passed away each year, from 1926 to 1950. As each year was read a star was lighted above the altar, then, starting with 1951, as each Departed Brother's name was called, a red carnation was placed beside his name in a large book at the front of the altar. These moving ceremonies, accompanied by a fine musical program, were highlighted by a well-phrased address given by Father Robert P. Egan of New Jersey's Boystown.

Weather No Deterrent

Despite a heavy snow-storm, the Waterville, Me., Elks were joined by a large number of outsiders at their tribute to our deceased Brothers, an event which won second honors in Group III.

Following the procession of lodge officers to the assembly room, four Elks' ladies, wearing white evening dresses and purple sashes, entered carrying a lighted taper, representing each of the Order's cardinal principles.

A fine male quartet participated in this Service at which Rev. Donald C. McMillan was guest speaker. A special feature which elicited much favorable comment was an unusual floral piece—At the center of the stage stood a large replica of the Elks' Emblem on which a purple or white chrysanthemum was placed as the name of each deceased member was called. At the end of the ceremony, the beautiful wreath was completed—a very pleasing picture.

Vivian's Death Recalled

Third-place honors in this category were awarded to Leadville, Colo., Elksdom whose tribute honored the memory of seven of its Brothers. These Services,



Principals who played important roles in the dramatic presentation of the Lyndhurst, N.J., Ritual are pictured before the scenic background which added so much to these moving Services.

held in the wood-paneled hall of the lodge home, had P.E.R. J. Vincent McMorrow as an inspirational speaker. As the roll was called, a close friend, and fellow member, of each Absent Brother came to the altar to place an American Beauty rose there in his memory. Throughout the program, appropriate musical selections were enjoyed by the guests, all the ladies present receiving corsages.

In his interesting brochure covering this event, E.R. Emmett Irwin alludes to the fact that many years ago, the body of Charles Vivian, one of the Order's

founders, had rested in state on the stage of what is now the Elks' Opera House in Leadville, following Mr. Vivian's death there in 1880.

Lodges in this particular group whose Services won Honorable Mention are Athens, Ohio, Barnesville, Ohio, Baton Rouge, La., Big Spring, Tex., Bound Brook, N.J., Elizabethton, Tenn., Hightstown, N.J., Hinton, W. Va., Key West, Fla., Lexington, Ky., Martinsville, Va., Paris, Tenn., Rocky Mount, N.C., Salisbury, N.C., Wellsburg, West Va., St. George "Dixie," Utah, and South Miami, Florida.

Officials of Savannah, Georgia, Elksdom photographed during their Tribute.



LODGE NOTES

Quincy, Mass., Lodge's E.R. Edward A. Densmore and his fellow officers initiated a class of 21 men in honor of D.D. Joseph Sylvia who shared the speakers' dais with Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Grand Treas. Edward A. Spry, State Assn. Pres. Michael J. McNamara and State Trustee Joseph E. Brett. Many lodges of the area were represented at the program.

El Paso, Tex., Lodge made use of a novel fund-raising experiment during open-house week at La Casa Hermosa, a new model home there. Upon invitation from Elk N. R. Diciara and his wife, the home's builders, lodge members accepted donations from those visiting the model home, succeeding in raising \$257 for the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital. P.E.R. W. J. B. Frazier, one of the Hospital's Trustees, was in charge.

Everyone likes to know their efforts are appreciated, and the Hobbs, N. M., Elks are no exception. Their outstanding assistance in the Cerebral Palsy Program there, particularly the Training Center they have established and maintain, was recognized by Mayor Ed Laughlin when he proclaimed the week of Dec. 4th as "Cerebral Palsy Week," commending and giving recognition to those public-spirited citizens combating cerebral palsy.

When Wallace C. Lee celebrated his 50th anniversary as a member of Chelsea, Mass., Lodge, he received a gold watch from Walter F. Slater of Quincy and Joseph C. O'Brien, representing a committee of Elks as business associates who honored Mr. Lee.

The Elks of Greenville, Mississippi, are giving valuable assistance to cerebral palsy victims, offering the facilities of its home to a Speech Center, conducted twice weekly. A recent plea for reading material and the like was accompanied by Est. Loyal Knight Edgar W. Johnson's request to send these supplies to the lodge home. Mr. Johnson represented his lodge in presenting to Skipper Dr. Wayne Cox of Greenville Lodge's Sea Scout Ship Barcroft of the charter for 1955. Once a week, the Scouts meet at the lodge home to practice their skills in first-aid, water-life-saving, and the like which have been called upon frequently in many emergencies.

T. J. Coyne, 108-year-old member of Cleburne, Tex., Lodge, passed away not long ago at the Santa Fe Railroad Hospital at Temple. Mr. Coyne had been initiated into the Order in July, 1911.



In our December issue you read of the assistance the Elks of Winsted, Conn., were giving local merchants who suffered losses in the flood which devastated that part of the country in August. On Dec. 1st, D.D. Ernest H. Lacore made his official visit to that lodge; since several of Winsted's merchants still occupied the lodge room, the festivities, which included a dinner and an initiation, were held in the auditorium of St. Joseph's Church. After delivering his message, the Deputy invited the lodge officers to come before the altar; he then called upon P.E.R. Anthony F. Serafini to make a presentation. To the surprise of the lodge officials, Mr. Serafini presented to each officer a new jewel for his respective chair. Long needed, the jewels were the gift of all the merchants who had used the facilities of the Winsted Elks' home, a splendid gesture of appreciation from Ernest Williams, Bernard Leshay, Salvatore Santoro, Mike Adamo, Salvo Paxcia, Abe Minsky, Cyril Hamilton and Mrs. Maney Leshay whose husband, an Elk, lost his life in the flood.



With E.R. M. L. Baumbaugh and the other officers who initiated them are the 72 men who became Marion, Ind., Elks as a tribute to Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and State Pres. Herb Beitz.

Right: At the Seattle, Wash., Elks' highly successful "Bring a Friend Night" when 100 visitors and prospective members were honored were, left to right, E.R. Cliff Whittle, Chairman Edwin J. Alexander of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities, former Chairman John E. Drummey of the Board of Grand Trustees and Past District Deputy F. G. Warren.



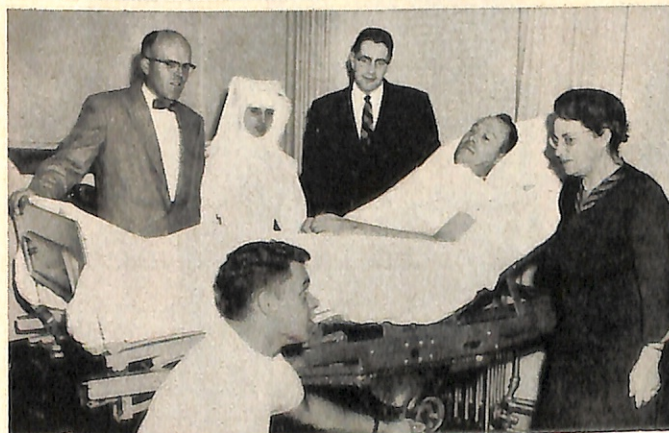
The John L. Walker Class of 32, initiated into Huntsville, Ala., Lodge by E.R. Joe S. Foster, Jr., and his officers in the presence of D.D. Abe B. Pizitz, on the occasion of his homecoming visit.

WASHINGTON'S ALL-STATE ELK

The story behind this picture began last summer when these Exalted Rulers of seven widely separated lodges of the State of Washington traveled to Philadelphia for the Grand Lodge Convention as the "charges" of Ingolf Roskaf, with whom they are pictured, center foreground, a Pullman conductor for the North Coast Limited of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Mr. Roskaf gave the travelers and their wives such excellent care and attention that when he expressed his wish to become a member of the Order, the Elk leaders decided to grant that wish. They didn't forget, and, as a result of an outstanding cooperative effort, Mr. Roskaf became a member of the Order at a unique ceremony conducted at Walla Walla Lodge by, left to right, E.R.'s R. A. May of Raymond Lodge, Jack Huntington of Walla Walla, Arnold Marti of Vancouver, J. L. Hudson of Kelso, Cliff Whittle of Seattle, James Geoghegan of Ellensburg and C. S. Mitchell of Colfax. A resident of Elk River, Minn., the railroad man travels between Chicago and Seattle where he has a 24-hour stay at the end of each round trip. Because of this, he was initiated into Seattle Lodge No. 92; because of his impressive initiatory assemblage, he became, in effect, an All-State Elk; because of his calling, and his deep respect for Elkdom, he was made a "Traveling Knight" of his lodge. A special card, carrying this title, was presented to Mr. Roskaf by Grand Exalted Ruler Walker during the Midwinter Meeting of the Wash. Elks Assn.



Above: These men are the first officers of Walterboro, So. Car., Lodge, No. 1988, instituted with 96 Charter Members by State Pres. Marston S. Bell, assisted by D.D. Ben Scott Whaley. Left to right, seated: Est. Lect. Knight J. C. Hughes, Est. Lead. Knight C. H. Sweat, E.R. J. P. Harrelson, Loyal Knight W. B. Easterlin; standing: Trustee Frank Harrison, Tiler Harold Robertson, Trustees J. B. Rhodes and H. L. Smith, partly hidden, Secy. S. C. Augustine and Treas. J. D. Sullivan.



Above: This float, entered in a recent community parade by Toms River, N. J., Elkdom, eloquently expresses its great interest in youth.

Left: In action under the watchful eyes of Committee Chairman John C. Brown, P.E.R., and fellow bowlers are Maureen Crowe, Judy St. Denny and Richard Novak of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Lodge's Junior Bowling League, sanctioned by the American Junior Congress. The Elks, who furnish proper shoes and lightweight balls to the young keglars at ten cents a game, have eight teams in the League. Bowlers from three high schools use the Elks' alleys five afternoons a week.



Above: The 1956 Poster Boy for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Tommy Woodward, with Secy. C. F. McRobbie, left, E.R. Anthony A. Sesti and Chaplain David Lytle, right, of Ambridge, Pa., Lodge, when all four visited the D. T. Watson Home for Crippled Children. Again this year, the Ambridge Elks sponsored a very successful dance for the benefit of the March of Dimes.

Left: Polio victim E. L. Vetsch uses the "rocking bed" given to St. Vincent Hospital by the Bucks Club of Billings, Mont., Lodge. Therapist Robert Christensen, foreground, demonstrates the bed's operation for Mrs. Arthur Trenerry, the Club's secretary for nearly 27 years. Standing are Elk John S. Nicholson, Sister M. Rosaleen of the Hospital's orthopedic department and E.R. Gordon W. Miller.



Left: These are the officers of the new Lewisburg, Tenn., Lodge, No. 1990, instituted with 65 members by D.D. W. J. Neese. Left to right: Organist Winston Rutledge, Est. Loyal Knight R. H. Loyd, Trustees Joe McAdams and John Boyd; Lect. Knight Joe Scott, Esq. Wm. N. Lloyd, Lead. Knight Maury Patton, Tiler Myer Ginsburg, E.R. James R. Patterson, Secy. Fox Darnell, Trustee H. W. Klessig, Inner Guard Dr. W. H. Hendrix, Treas. Thomas Cathey and Chaplain Percy Rhea.

Right: Standing beside E.R. Merle C. Drew of Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge, in the background, is D.D. Earl M. Roush, in whose honor this class was initiated early in December.



Left: Danville, Va., Lodge officials, pictured with D.D. Frank G. Payne, Jr., seventh from left, on the occasion of his official visit. Introduced by P.D.D. Ben P. Kushner, Mr. Payne was the speaker at a banquet which preceded the initiation of a class of candidates honoring P.D.D. Walter E. Barrick, Sr.

Right: Officers for the institution of Beaverton, Ore., Lodge included, left to right, foreground, State Assn. Sgt.-at-Arms Charles H. Halden, D.D. H. M. Randall, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Loneragan, State Pres. M. P. Coopey, State Secy. Harold Harp, former Grand Lodge Committeeman C. B. Mudd and Chairman Frank Hise of the Grand Lodge State Assns. Committee.

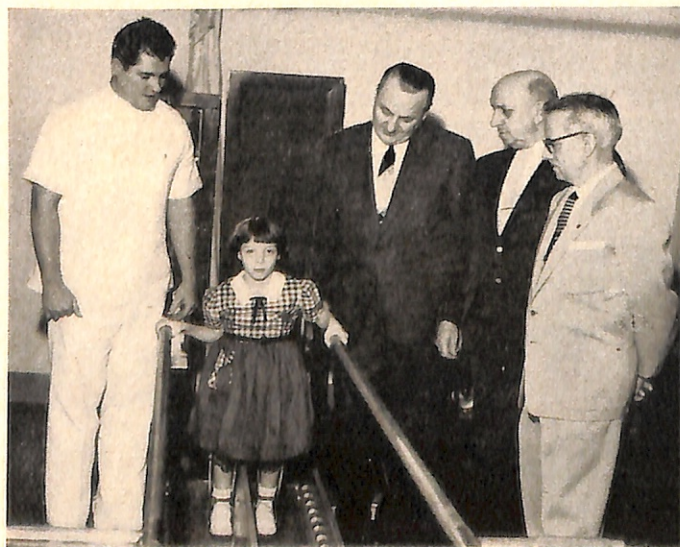


Left: Pasadena, Calif., Lodge dedicated this class of 15, standing, to Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, seated center. The Governor, a member of Los Angeles Lodge, addressed the candidates and 300 others on the subject of applying Elk principles to everyday life.

Below: Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge presents a set of multiple-purpose parallel bars to the Sunshine School. Left to right: physiotherapist John Barnhouse, eight-year-old pupil Carolyn Williams, John Matesich, Jr., Committee Chairman Calvin King and Ted Snyder.



At D.D. Robert Trucksess' homecoming to Norristown, Pa., left to right, seated, E.R. P. H. Troutman, Mr. Trucksess, P.D.D. B. H. McCoy; standing, P.D.D. J. V. Hoey, E.R. G. T. Bowers, Jr., of Philadelphia, E.R. W. F. Hill of North Penn and P.E.R. S. P. Seeders of Pottstown.



A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



PLAN ELKDOM'S PROGRESS

THE Order of Elks operates squarely on the principles of democratic self-government. Our lodges choose their officers by secret ballot. The lists are open to any member in good standing who may desire to stand for office. It is true that, in the normal course of events, officers are frequently promoted from chair to chair, but this is not always so and it should not be allowed to acquire the acceptance of an established tradition.

Officers should be nominated and elected on the basis of their abilities, their capacity and willingness to devote time to the job, their performance in other posts and their devotion to the best interests of their lodge and their Order. No lodge should elevate to its leadership a man who has shown that he lacks any of the requisites of leadership; such a man should be replaced by another who does have the qualities and qualifications to fill the office of exalted ruler to the advantage of his lodge and its members.

I hope that this will be borne in mind during this month of March when our lodges are choosing their officers for the coming year. In Elkdom, just as in society at large, we get the kind of government we deserve. It is the responsibility of our members to see to it that good men are nominated and elected to office. Our Past Exalted Rulers ought to bear an even larger measure of this responsibility. As the elder statesmen of their lodges, they should make sure that the most competent men are groomed for future leadership. If automatic succession seems to be moving up the ladder someone who is not worthy of further advancement, then the Past Exalted Rulers should by all means prevent it. An Elks lodge should have the very best leadership that is available. Let's make sure that they get it in this month's elections.

March will close the books on the Subordinate Lodge year. What kind of a record will your lodge show on membership? Will it end the year with a 100 percent paid up membership, without lapsing a single member for non-payment of dues? Will your lodge show a 5 percent increase in membership? Many lodges will be able to point to perfect records, and I earnestly hope that all of our lodges will at least be able to show an improvement over last year.

Our Membership Control Program has focused attention on these "housekeeping" matters of new members, lapsation and dues collection. It has pointed the way to methods for handling them so that they will present no problem. Up and coming lodges, progressive lodges, are employing these methods.

Now is the critical time. Now is the time for every lodge to put forth organized, systematic, intelligent and unremitting effort to collect dues from every member on or before March 31. Every member should cooperate by paying his dues promptly. If we do, much expense and unnecessary effort will be avoided.

I am extremely grateful to all of the thousands of Elks who have responded so generously to my appeal for support of our Elks National Foundation. The campaigns for individual contributions that lodges are conducting more than justify my faith that our Elks would be glad to contribute to the Foundation if only they were given the opportunity. If you haven't had your opportunity yet—call your lodge secretary and tell him that you want to subscribe to a \$100 Participating Membership in the Great Heart of Elkdom. You can pay it all now or in 10 installments. There is no finer way to

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GRAND EXALTED RULER

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**Regardless of the time of year, the islands
of Hawaii offer everything a tourist wants.**

BY HORACE SUTTON

ILLUSTRATED BY TOM HILL

WHENEVER skies look gray to me, and the ill winds of late winter sift through the weave of my herringbone coat I concentrate on Hawaii. I must say that concentrating is a most pleasant endeavor, and can really only be enhanced by contemplating those incredible islands from a good vantage point—say, Waikiki Beach. I have been in Hawaii in December and in May and loved it in both months, but I must say there is a certain almost fiendish pleasure I recall enjoying while being lulled by Pacific waves one December day at the same time snow was falling way back east in no-man's land.

Well, of course, all this can happen to you if you save your money, strike it rich in the market, knock over a bank, answer a question on television, or merely go now and pay the transportation people later. You ought to know that twenty per cent more people took a vacation in alohaland in 1955 than in 1954. In people

it came to 108,600 for 1955, quite a jump from the post-war year of 1946 when 15,000 put in. The increase, what's more, is increasing all the time, and in preparation for the rush to the palmlands, 1,100 hotel rooms were opened on Waikiki Beach alone during the year just ended. There are new hotels along the beach—the Princess Kaiulani, the Waikiki Biltmore and the Hawaiian Village. It was a year when the Matson Hotel chain imported Ed Hastings, one of America's best hotelmen and former vice president of the Waldorf-Astoria, to operate its Hawaiian land-based chain. The Matson people, incidentally, are contemplating extending their interests into Tahiti where their new liners will visit on Pacific cruises.

Old Hawaiian hands who return for subsequent visits (one visitor last year was on his twenty-seventh return trip) will find more additions rising on the yeasty acres during 1956. New beach

for Elks who TRAVEL



frontage is being added where none existed before, and a whole scheme for new hotels, restaurants and shops is on the docket. Much of the new building is being sparked by none other than Henry Kaiser who has in his day knocked together both ships and cars. I should think his new endeavor would give Mr. Kaiser infinitely more pleasure, for instead of welding cold steel, he has put together an altogether beguiling hotel known as the Hawaiian Village which comes complete with huge ferns, palms, and thatched roofed houses—18 acres of it in all. Besides these accoutrements of old Hawaii, the Kaiser-Burns people, as the firm is called, have installed such un-old-Hawaii equipment as four swimming pools, a roll-over-the-pool dance floor, and a dining room that seats 400. Single rooms all with bath, to be sure, start at \$8 a day, twin-bedded rooms from \$10, but there are rooms with a lanai, the local word for porch or terrace, and these are \$18 a day. A new unit called the Hawaii-Kai Beach Club offers a lanai bedroom and bath beginning at \$12 for a single and \$14 double.

I have never been in Hawaii when it didn't seem like spring, and yet the coming of the calendar springtime lends a special fragrance to the islands. The hillsides are redolent with the blooms of plumeria trees which are plucked for

leis. The candlenut trees grow pale green, bignonia vines are yellow and orange and the tradewinds carry the evening perfume of the night cestum, lady-of-the night, mock orange and champak. Night blooming cereus offers its delicate white flowers. Hibiscus blossoms in 5,000 known varieties. And Hawaii's ample ladies sit by their stalls and weave magnificent flower ropes for visitors and islanders alike. Leis can be made of leaves, as well, or moss, berries or vines, but in any case they were originally devised as an offering to Lono who, in the Hawaiian heavenly hierarchy, was Secretary of Agriculture. The Hawaiians wove leis for him when they need rain; now they weave for the malihinis who come from the mainland in such droves.

Lei Day, not to be confused for name or date with May Day, falls, indeed, on May 1st. Everybody but everybody puts on a lei on lei day, and there are lei day queens who preside over a festival of hula dancing, string music and native ceremonies of Hawaii's many Pacific cultures. But even before May Day's Lei Day, there is a colorful April celebration on Buddhist Wesak Day which commemorates the birth of Buddha, a festival organized by the local Buddhists who worship out of doors in colorful kimonos.

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ELKS LODGE ACCOMMODATIONS

WE HAVE HAD so many requests for an Elks Lodge accommodation list that we plan to publish portions of the list from time to time in our travel columns. This second installment will be followed, as space permits, in later issues, until the entire list is published.

Following the complete publication, we plan to incorporate all this information in a pocket-sized booklet for our traveling readers. If your lodge is not listed, it means we have received no answer to our request for information sent out last May. Should you wish your lodge listed, send us all the information and we'll do our best to get it in the booklet.

CALIFORNIA

- ALAMEDA Lunch, Bar
- ALHAMBRA Lunch, Dinner & Cocktail Lounge
- ALTURAS Bar (Meeting Nights Only)
- ANAHEIM Rooms, Elks (Month only) Lunch & Dinner, Cocktail Lounge
- AUBURN Cocktail Lounge
- BAKERSVILLE Rooms, Elks and Male Guests Only, Lunch, Bar
- BANNING Bar
- BARSTOW No Accommodations
- BERKELEY Rooms, Elks Only, Lunch & Dinner (Wed., Fri., Sat.) Bar
- BISHOP Bar
- BLYTHE Cocktail Lounge
- BRAWLEY Bar
- BURBANK Meals, Lunch, Bar
- CALEXICO Bar
- CHICO Bar
- COALINGA Lunch & Bar
- COMPTON Lunch-Dinner (Wed., Fri., Sat.) Cocktail Lounge
- CRESCENT CITY Bar
- CULVER Bar
- DELANO Lunch & Dinner Cocktail Lounge
- EL CAJON Lunch (Limited), Dinner (Twice weekly), Bar
- EL CENTRO Lunch, Dinner (Thurs. only)
- EL MONTE Lunch, Cocktail Lounge
- ESCONDIDO Cocktail Lounge
- EUREKA Lunch & Dinner (Wed. only) Cocktail Lounge
- FRESNO Lunch, Cocktail Lounge
- GARDENA Cocktail Lounge
- GILROY Bar
- GLENDALE Lunch & Dinner, Bar
- GRASS VALLEY Bar
- HANFORD Bar
- HAYWARD Bar
- HEMET Lunch, Bar
- HELLISTER Bar
- INDIO Bar
- INGLEWOOD Lunch, Bar
- LAKEWOOD Cocktail Lounge
- LODI Bar
- LONG BEACH Lunch-Dinner (Mon. night only) Cocktail Lounge
- LOS GATOS Cocktail Lounge
- MADERA Cocktail Lounge
- NAPA Lunch, Bar
- MARYSVILLE Cocktail Lounge
- MERCED Lunch, Bar
- MODESTO Lunch (Men only) & Dinner (Sat. only for guests & ladies), Bar
- MONROVIA Cocktail Lounge
- MONTEREY Dinner (Special nights) Cocktail Lounge
- NEEDLES Bar
- NEVADA CITY Bar
- NEWPORT HARBOR Lunch-Dinner (Thurs., Sat.), Cocktail Lounge
- OAKLAND Lunch (Mon., thru Fri.) & dinner (Thurs. only), Bar

(California to be continued)



Left: This photograph was taken at the second annual Homecoming of the Texas Elks Crippled Children's Hospital at Ottine, when approximately 600 members and visitors enjoyed barbecued chicken and toured the hospital which received about \$10,000 in checks from various lodges and ladies' groups, including nearly \$3,500 in stainless steel kitchen equipment.

NEWS of the LODGES

All-Americans at Muskegon, Mich., Elks' Banquet

Over 550 fans packed the home of Muskegon Lodge No. 274 for its 22nd Annual Football Banquet honoring all grid-iron athletes of the county's high schools. The combination of five All-Americans, three of them representing Greater Muskegon, a noted football city, and the presence of the full varsity squads of four schools drew one of the largest crowds in the community's history of sporting events.

Wild applause greeted Bennie Oosterbaan, three-time All-American and Hall-of-Famer who is head coach of the University of Michigan; Mich. State All-American of 1950 Everett (Sonny) Grandelius, currently coaching his Alma Mater's backfield, and Earl Morrall State's 1955 quarterback. Two other All-Americans at the speakers' table were Edward (Moose) Krause, Notre Dame's Athletic Director, and Michigan State's line coach Lou Agase.

Coach Oosterbaan presented the magnificent trophy that bears his name to Coach Oscar Johnson of the Muskegon Heights



Seated with D.D. F. H. Gilliland at his right is E.R. Bevan V. Shaw, center, with the other officers of Mandan, N. D., Lodge and the class they initiated on that occasion.

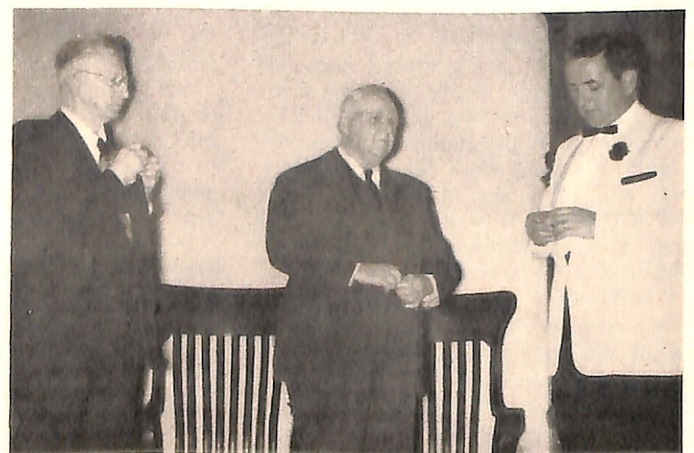
eleven and his co-captains, Fred Hilliard and Bob Slezak. Krause, among the country's most popular speakers, delivered one of his famous inspirational talks. In his address, Oosterbaan spoke highly of the abilities of ailing Earl Morrall, who had rejected a doctor's suggestion to attend

the Elks' banquet, at which Judge Noel P. Fox was Toastmaster. Rev. Albert A. Kehren gave the invocation, following Chairman James Pugh's introduction of E.R. Louis O. Hodges who extended his lodge's official welcome to the large and enthusiastic audience.



Above: P.E.R. Dell Weiler presents the keys to the first floor of Fremont, Ohio, Lodge's home to Mrs. Albert Bibler, Pres. of the Parents Group of the Sandusky County Chapter of United Cerebral Palsy. At left is Elk Jack Zink, Pres. of the Chapter's Board of Directors; at right is Sidney Miller, the Board's Vice-Pres. The lodge canceled a lucrative lease to give these facilities to the CP victims of four counties as a treatment center, and has refitted and further refurbished it to make it suitable for the installation of equipment.

Below: Pins denoting 50-year affiliation with the Order are presented to Charles H. Watts, left, and John Swafford, center, by D.D. L. Bruce Richmond at a special ceremony at the home of Benton, Ill., Lodge.



with Ed Faust



In the Doghouse

The twenty breeds in the hound group are noted for their speed and staying power.

IN A PREVIOUS ARTICLE I wrote about dogs used for hunting, concentrating mainly on breeds used to point, flush or retrieve game, with only a brief reference to purps used to pursue their quarry by scent or sight. In the latter division are the hunting dogs which are classified as hounds. In this group will be found more history and colorful romance than among any other officially designated division of dogs.

In the hound group there are twenty breeds, all with interesting backgrounds, and some of them the fastest dogs on earth. All hounds are geared either for speed or great staying powers on the trail. The hound that is most seen and has achieved greatest popularity in modern times is the dachshund. He is a German and his name literally means badger hound. The dachshund is a deceptive little cuss. Despite his mild, almost apologetic appearance he can be, and is, when required, a savage, indomitable fighter. Any dog his size that can out-game a badger, one of the fiercest of scrappers, has to be a very tough citizen and the doxy is all of that. I should add that he is not a quarrelsome dog with his own kind and with people is a gentle affectionate pet. His under-slung body and short legs are necessary to do the work he does when in the field. His great chest capacity endows him with ample endurance on the trail. He has a keen nose and since he is used on burrowing game his forelegs are powerful digging instruments. His jaw is powerful and his grip tenacious. You'll find this little fellow in three coat varieties: smooth, wire-haired and long haired. The first is the most often seen but the other two varieties of coat are making headway in public preference.

The next most popular hound is the beagle. This chap is usually the favored rabbit dog. Where the Faust wigwam is located is a favored rabbit country and you can't throw a brick without hitting a beagle or a rabbit. The beagle is an ancient breed; where or when it originated is not exactly known, but certain it is that the time was long, long ago. The dog reached it's greatest development in England. They are dogs that have great endurance and are scent hounds rather than sight hounds. As pets they are tops, being

clean, intelligent and affectionate. They have a bell-like voice with a double tone in it, a short, clean coat and are definitely hound marked, i.e., black and brown patches on a white body. Standard for height is 15" at the shoulder, where all dogs are measured for height. Although he's primarily an outdoors hunting dog, as is the dachshund, the beagle readily adapts himself to city life and makes a fine pet and genuine companion dog.

AMONG the swiftest of all dogs are the greyhound and the whippet. The former is the breed most used for dog racing. While the whippet is sometimes used for this purpose the greyhound is the choice, since he is the faster of the two. The greyhound will weigh from 60 to 70 lbs. and the name has nothing to do with its color; it can and does come in a variety of colors. The name is said to be a contraction of its ancient designation of the Greek hound. The breed is very old and was known in Egypt and later was described by Ovid, Roman poet, who lived from 63 BC to 17 AD. The modern standard for the greyhound specifies weights from 60 to 70 lbs. These dogs are not particularly noted as pets. True, they are ornamental, but they are of such quarrel-

some disposition as to require individual runs in their kennels and are kept strictly separated.

The whippet is actually a small-size greyhound and in fact is described by the American Whippet Club as an English greyhound in miniature. He, like the greyhound, is a sight hunter depending upon terrific speed to keep the quarry in sight. Frankly, I've never had more than a nodding acquaintance with brother whippet or any of his breeders. They are not often seen at dog shows and then only at the very largest. The standard for the breed states that these dogs are affectionate and gentle. Their color is immaterial. Height 18 to 22 inches at shoulder. The breed, while not a true greyhound, is a variant and is not more than about 100 years old. It was developed primarily for racing and became known among the miners of England as "the poor man's race horse".

Another dog endowed with tremendous speed is the borzoi, formerly known as the Russian wolfhound. In contour he greatly resembles the greyhound but instead of having the latter's short coat the borzoi has a long, silky coat and is a much larger dog, ranging from 75 to 105
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Photo by Philip Gendreau



Among the twenty hound breeds the dachshund is second only to beagle in popularity.

Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker

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Leading Knights Association of the South Central and South Central Coast Districts, of a check in the sum of \$4,000 for the purchase of two new station wagons for the California Elks Major Project. The two station wagons were on display in the court yard of Huntington Park Lodge.

On Saturday, December 31st, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Judge A. F. Bray, Committee on Judiciary member, and Mrs. Bray, Horace Wisely, member of Board of Grand Trustees, and wife and President Nielsen and wife were entertained by the **PASADENA ELKS OFFICERS** at Santa Anita race track where a lovely luncheon was served in the Turf Club, after which the party journeyed to the home of PER John Cabot of Pasadena Lodge, where a hundred invited guests greeted the GER and party at a cocktail party and dinner. That same evening Mrs. Walker arrived at Los Angeles airport from Virginia and was immediately taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cabot.

Sunday, January 1st, the GER and party visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis in Whittier, after which they visited Disneyland and then journeyed to the new beautiful home of Past Grand Esquire R. Leonard Bush and Mrs. Bush at Rolling Hills, Calif., where they were entertained at a buffet cocktail party. They then returned to Pasadena.

On January 2nd, Mr. Walker and party viewed the magnificent Tournament of Roses from a box in front of Pasadena Elks Lodge, after which luncheon was served and Mr. Walker and party and other invited guests were entertained by officers and members at the beautiful Rose Bowl and witnessed the football game between U.C.L.A. and Michigan State. That evening Exalted Ruler Harry J. Crawford and Mrs. Crawford entertained the GER and wife and party at a beautiful cocktail party and dinner at their home overlooking the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

On Tuesday, January 3rd, the GER visited the Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center of Pasadena Lodge, located on its premises at Pasadena, had lunch at the Elks Club and that evening was entertained by Pasadena Lodge at a cocktail party and dinner after which a meeting was held in the lodge room of Pasadena Lodge. Over 500 Elks were present, including all of the official party and distinguished guests from all over Southern California. The GER and Mrs. Walker were presented with colored films of the entire Rose Parade and all the other events occurring during their stay in Pasadena, as well as many colored slides depicting their entire visit to Pasadena.

The evening was highlighted by presentation to L. A. Lewis, P.G.E.R. and

Trustee of Elks National Foundation, of a \$1,000 bill by Fred Guillaume, a member of Glendale Lodge, for an Honorary Founder's Certificate in the Elks National Foundation.

On January 4th, the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hebenstreit, Mr. and Mrs. Wisely, journeyed to **SANTA BARBARA** where they were met by Past Chairman of the State Associations Committee, Vincent H. Grocott and Mrs. Grocott, and officers of Santa Barbara Lodge. A luncheon was served at El Paso, Santa Barbara, and that evening the GER and wife were entertained by officers and members of Santa Barbara Lodge with a typical early California occasion.

On January 5th, the official party conducted the GER and Mrs. Walker to Salinas where a luncheon was hosted by Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, F. Eugene Dayton (now deceased) and Mrs. Dayton at the Santa Lucia Inn. The party then proceeded to **PALO ALTO LODGE** where a dinner and lodge meeting were arranged for the GER, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lewis and other officials' wives from all over the West Central District were entertained at Rickey's Studio Inn, Palo Alto.

On January 6th, Mr. Walker and party proceeded to **SAN MATEO** where they were entertained by Exalted Ruler Hinrichs, Past State President Edward Keller, and other officers and their wives. San Mateo Lodge had a luncheon held in the spacious new lodge building. After lunch the party proceeded to **SAN FRANCISCO** where a press conference and photographic session was held in the GER's suite at the St. Francis Hotel. That evening the ladies were entertained by the officers' wives at a dinner at the Cliff Redwood Room and a theater performance. Mr. Walker was entertained at a dinner banquet at San Francisco Lodge, after which a meeting was held in the lodge room at which all of the high-up officials of the Bay District were present. The GER again addressed over 500 in attendance—perhaps the most representative gathering of Elks ever held in the Bay District. After this stirring address he was presented with a beautiful redwood burl salad bowl.

Saturday, January 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis drove to beautiful **PEBBLE BEACH LODGE** and were entertained for the week end as the guests of the lodges of the West Central District of California. That evening a cocktail party and dinner were served at the famous Pebble Beach Lodge, and Sunday was spent sight seeing over seventeen mile drive.

On January 9th, the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker were at **SACRAMENTO** for a dinner in his honor given by the California Northern State Elks Asso-

ciation. It was originally planned that Marysville would be host lodge, but the disastrous floods made that impossible. After the business session a banquet was held, immediately following which the group adjourned to the lodge room. District Deputy J. Marvin Deter presented Past State President James M. Shanly, who at 85 years is dean of all living Calif. Past State Presidents. Brother Shanly in turn introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lewis, who presented Mr. Walker.

Past District Deputy Dudley T. Fortin and Past Exalted Ruler J. Fred Misphey were in charge of general arrangements and Past Exalted Ruler Nicholas G. Culjis was in charge of hotel arrangements, both of whom were assisted by Past Exalted Rulers Frank Seymour, Howard Lidster, Jack Kincaid, Frank Luttig, Jack Beeman and W. L. Dupen, Jr. The highlight of this outstanding occasion was a presentation by California North District to the Grand Exalted Ruler of a beautiful large silver punch bowl and tray with 18 silver cups, representing each of the lodges in the district. Each cup is engraved with the name and number of one of the lodges. The punch bowl is engraved as follows: "Presented to John L. Walker, Grand Exalted Ruler, B.P.O.E. by California North District, California Elks Association, January 9, 1956."

The following day the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker were at **RENO, NEV., LODGE** for a dinner at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler L. A. Lewis and he were the honored guests. Exalted Ruler A. J. Caton presided and Mr. Walker was introduced by Mr. Lewis. Among those present at the head table were District Deputy Richard P. Warren, State President Leonard P. Davis, Exalted Rulers Jack D. Smith, Ely Lodge; Leslie De Mel, Winnemucca Lodge; Earl H. Le Beau, Hawthorne Lodge; Robert L. Attaway, Susanville Lodge; H. H. Atkinson, Reno Lodge, and Past Exalted Rulers H. J. Gazin, Dr. H. E. Cafferata, E. P. Caffrey, Joseph P. Haller, A. L. Crocker, A. J. Proctor and Edward Walton. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Lewis were entertained by the ladies at a dinner at the Hotel Mapes. Prior to the dinner Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Sidney Robinson held a buffet party at his home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker made his official visit to the Elks of Utah at a joint meeting of all ten lodges of the state at Salt Lake City on January 11. A group of officials led by District Deputy John C. Green Jr. and State President Thomas J. Schow, a number of Past Grand Lodge officers and lodge officers welcomed the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker on their arrival at Ogden,

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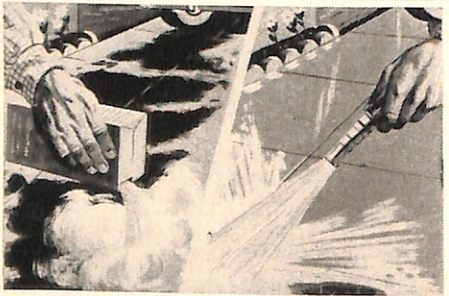
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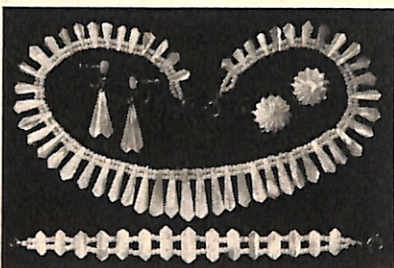
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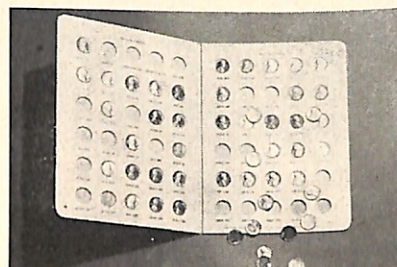
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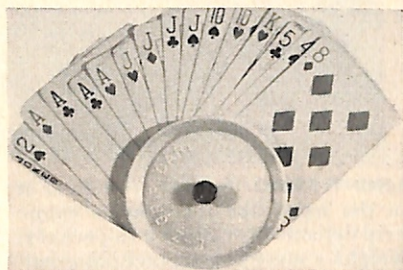
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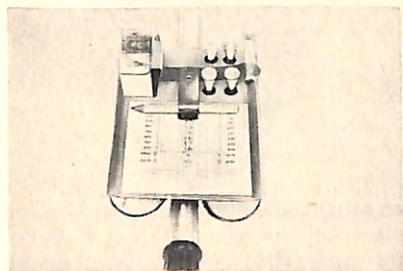
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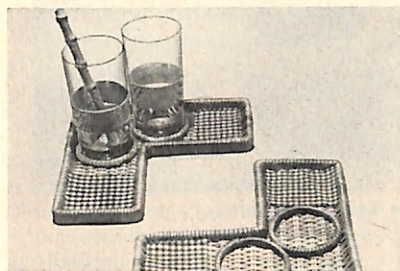
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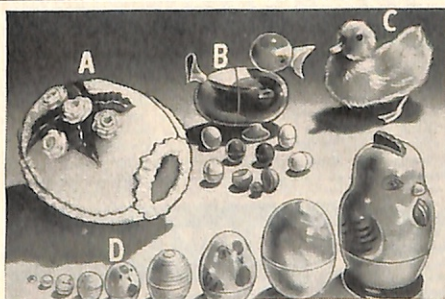
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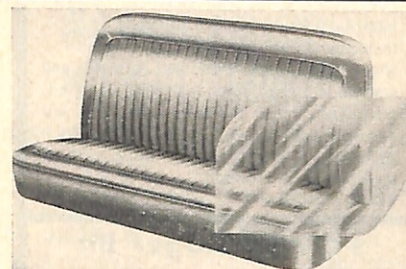
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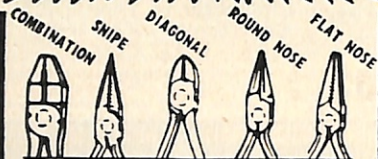
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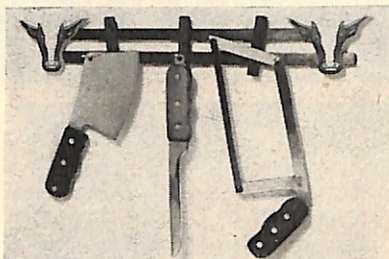
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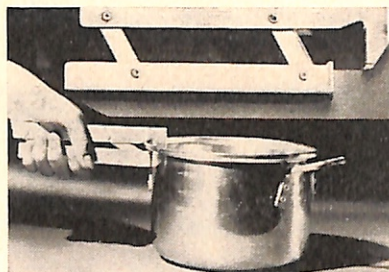
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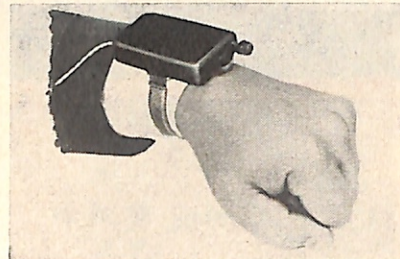
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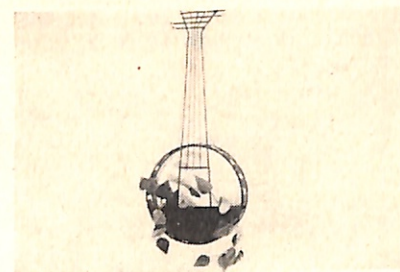
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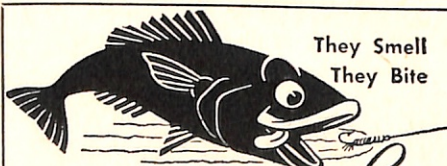
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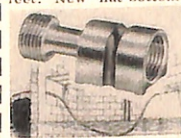
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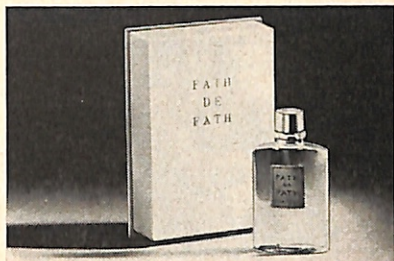


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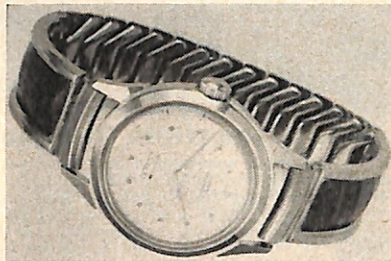
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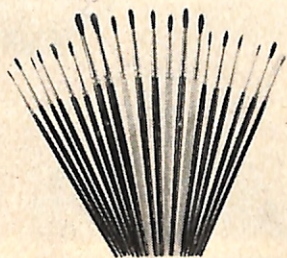
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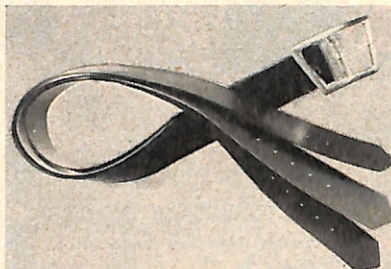
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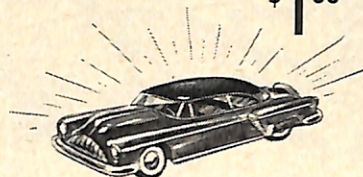
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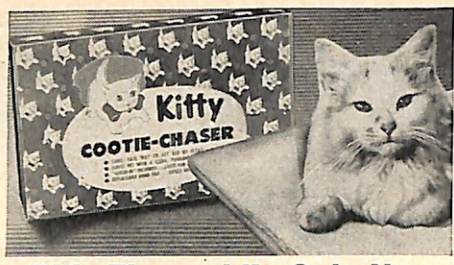
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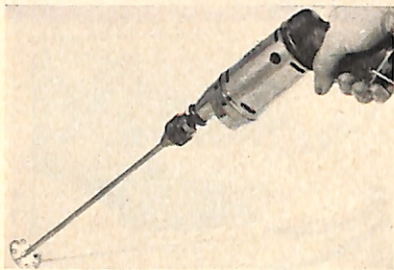
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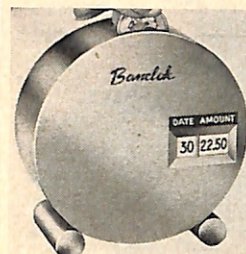
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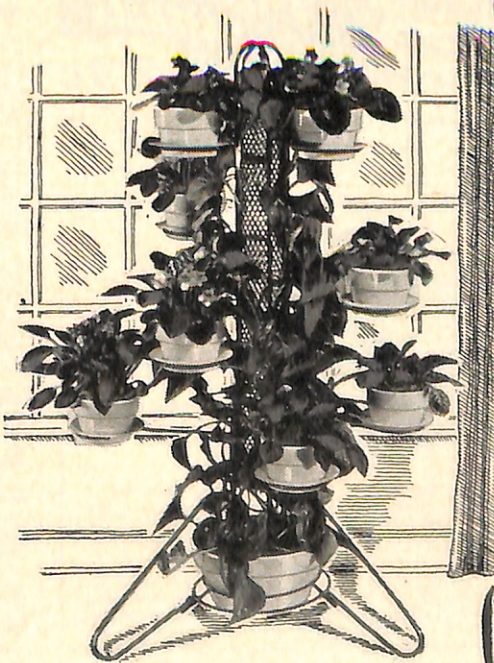
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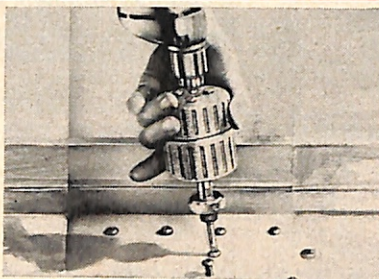
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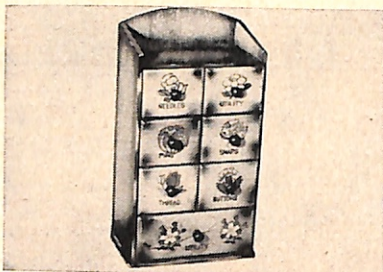
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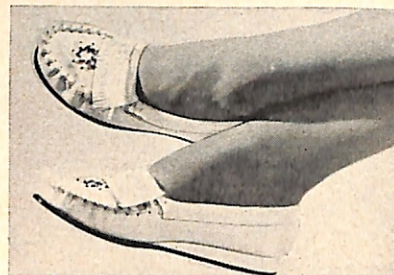
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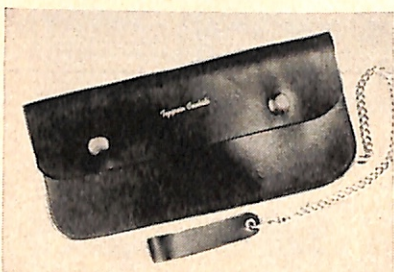
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Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker

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Utah, Wednesday morning.

A short visit was made to **OGDEN LODGE** before the automobile caravan started for Salt Lake City, 36 miles to the south.

Shortly after arriving in **SALT LAKE CITY** the Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker were guests at the famed Salt Lake City L.D.S. Tabernacle to hear a special organ recital in their behalf. During the afternoon Grand Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Walker held a very enjoyable visit with President David O. McKay of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints at the President's church office.

A large banquet was held previous to the lodge meeting for the Grand Exalted Ruler at which Governor J. Bracken Lee, a Past Exalted Ruler of Price, Utah, Lodge extended cordial greetings on behalf of the State of Utah. More than 250 attended the banquet. A separate banquet was held for Mrs. Walker and visiting ladies.

At the lodge meeting in the evening, Exalted Ruler J. Dewey Davis of Salt Lake City Lodge turned the gavel over to State President Schow, who presided in behalf of all ten lodges attending. The Exalted Rulers present gave brief, informative reports for each of their respective lodges. Every lodge in the state was represented at the meeting with delegations traveling distances up to 325 miles.

District Deputy John C. Green, Jr., outlined several highlights of state accomplishments in his introduction of the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Mr. Walker expressed his appreciation for the splendid program of activities carried on by all of the Utah lodges and emphasized his pleasure that very effective work was being done on lapsation. The Grand Exalted Ruler departed for Tacoma, Wash., early on the morning of January 12.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker landed at Seattle-Tacoma Airport at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12th, and was met by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Grand Lodge Activities Chairman Edwin J. Alexander, District Deputy Washington Ronald C. Gosselin, and William E. Bysegger, Exalted Ruler of Tacoma Lodge. The party then drove to **TACOMA** where an informal luncheon and reception was given in Mr. Walker's honor.

After two radio broadcasts, Mr. Walker left with his party for the Mid-Winter Convention of the Washington State Elks Assn., going over the famous Narrows Bridge and through the City of Bremerton (where one of the Navy's largest ship repair yards is located). He crossed Hoods Canal by automobile ferry, and then traveled on a highway which parallels the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Mr. Walker was met at the city limits of Port Angeles by State Association

President William Singer and his officers, and the officers of **PORT ANGELES NAVAL LODGE**. He was then welcomed by Mayor Smith who extended an invitation to ride to the lodge home on a bright red fire engine. The Grand Lodge party, State Association and local lodge officers forming a caravan behind the fire engine. Upon his arrival at Naval Lodge, Brother Walker attended a supper and informal reception.

The following morning the Grand Exalted Ruler attended one of the State Ritualistic Contests, and was well pleased with the performance. Mr. Walker and PGER Emmett T. Anderson were then taken on a tour of the city by Exalted Ruler Harry E. Fulkerson of Naval Lodge, and during the tour they visited the \$100,000 Elks Memorial Playfield, which Naval Lodge furnished to the city of Port Angeles several years ago.

Upon his return to the lodge, the Grand Exalted Ruler was met by Grand Tiler M. E. Monagle of Juneau, Alaska, Lodge, who had been delayed by weather, and after a short visit, Brother Walker, Anderson and Monagle were taken to the Coast Guard Base where they were piped aboard the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter "Winona." They then proceeded to the Lee Hotel, where they attended the Past Presidents luncheon, and the Grand Exalted Ruler made a short address.

The Grand Lodge party then returned to the lodge where the Mid-Winter Convention was in session, and he and his Grand Lodge party were introduced to the delegates assembled. After several committee reports, the session was recessed to allow the wives of the delegates to attend the meeting and hear Mr. Walker's address. The room was packed to capacity, and after hearing inspiring reports from the Cerebral Palsy Major Project Committee, Elks National Foundation Committee, and Hospital Committee, the Grand Exalted Ruler was introduced to all assembled by Washington's own Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Emmett T. Anderson.

After a short rest and an informal dinner, Mr. Walker was driven to the airport where he enplaned for **SEATTLE**. He was met by PER Tracy Call of Seattle Lodge, who acted as host while the Grand Exalted Ruler was in Seattle. He was entertained at Seattle Lodge on Friday evening and then was taken to the Seattle-Tacoma airport on Saturday morning where he enplaned for Corvallis, Oregon, to attend another State Association Convention.

The Elks of the State of Washington humbly and proudly entertained the Grand Exalted Ruler at the largest Mid-Winter Convention in the history of the State Association (1,900 registered), and were only sorry that his visit had to be of such short duration.

On January 15th, the Grand Exalted Ruler made an official visit to **BLACKFOOT, IDAHO**, in connection with the mid-winter meeting of the Idaho State Elks Assn. However, **POCATELLO, IDAHO, LODGE** arranged to meet Mr. Walker at the railroad station with a delegation composed of Past Exalted Rulers from Blackfoot and Pocatello. Pocatello Lodge was host at an informal breakfast for Mr. Walker prior to his attendance at Blackfoot. This was attended by Exalted Ruler George W. Hargraves, Mr. Walker and his party and about fifteen Past Exalted Rulers from Pocatello and Blackfoot. Following the breakfast Mr. Walker was taken by motor car to Blackfoot where he attended all sessions of the Idaho State Elks Assn. meeting. Exalted Ruler Hargraves made the presentation of a ceremonial Indian rug on behalf of the lodges in the Eastern District of Idaho, Salmon, Idaho Falls, Blackfoot, Burley, Preston, and Pocatello. Following the meeting Brother Walker was driven back to Pocatello to enable him to take his train to Denver and prior to train time was entertained informally in the Pocatello Lodge.

Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker spent a busy day and night in **DENVER**, on Jan. 16, when more than 500 members from various lodges in the State enjoyed the dynamic and inspiring talk delivered by him on his official visit.

Jacob L. Sherman, a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary Committee and Chairman of Arrangements, together with Edward H. Sampson, Exalted Ruler, and officers of Denver Lodge, met Mr. Walker at the Union Station, after which he was escorted to the State Capital Building, where he met State Officials, was cordially received and was introduced by the Speaker of the House to the Legislature which was in session.

At noon time, prior to the luncheon, he spoke briefly at the Denver Elks Ladies luncheon which was given in honor of his wife, Mrs. Adrian Coen, widow of Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, and Mrs. Jacob L. Sherman were also present and were with Mrs. Walker during her stay in Denver.

Thereafter, Mr. Walker visited Elks Laradon Hall, a school for mentally handicapped children, sponsored by the Colorado Elks Assn., where he was very much impressed with the work being done.

From there, the party went to the National Western Stock Show. Grand Exalted Ruler Walker seated in a fancy English open carriage, drawn by a beautiful team of horses, circled the large arena several times amidst cheers and applause of about 10,000 people—the official announcer giving our leader and Order great praise.

Prior to the evening meeting, Grand
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Australia now has a U.S. "rent-a-car" system at leading air ports. Avis has completed

arrangements with three major air lines to supply the Avis Rent-A-Car System (Australia) linked with the U.S. Avis System, for air-motor travel in the land Down Under.

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A letter from the Miami Beach Lodge advises that they have been receiving numerous inquiries for room rates as a result of their advertisement on the Travel Page of The Elks Magazine. Aaron Bookspan, Secretary, explains that there are no rooms. Their notice should have stated this fact and will in the future. He says, however, "We do have unsurpassed location overlooking beautiful Biscayne Bay. Attractive bar and recreation rooms. Vacationing Elks and their ladies always welcome."

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The British Railways "Car-Sleeper Limited" takes the pain out of driving from

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Travel this winter is breaking all existing records. But building in most places has kept pace and accommodations are not too difficult. In fact some vacationers are going ahead without reservations and shopping around for the best buy . . . Prices, on the whole, are not changed from last year . . . Motorists are making more stopovers on trips south this year. This makes motel and hotel reservations en route difficult unless you stop not later than 4 p.m. . . . Mardi Gras in New Orleans coincides with St. Valentine's Day and is boosting crowds . . . More ships are heading for the Caribbean but booking is heavy . . . At Las Vegas the boom is off a bit and space is easier.

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The Matson Line expects to restore its pre-war South Pacific cruises by the fall of this year. Two new liners will then be in service—the "Mariposa" and the "Monterey."

For Elks Who Travel

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Although no cherry blossoms grow in Hawaii, the Japanese community stages a week-long Cherry Blossom Festival in April, with blossoms imported from Nippon decorating the palm shaded streets.

The holiday everyone seems to like best in Hawaii is the Kamehameha Festival which falls in June. Among other things, Kamehameha's imposing statue is decorated with leis and garlands to commemorate the king who is often called the Napoleon of the Pacific. Kamehameha visited Cook's ships, conquered and consolidated the islands, and repaired the ravages of the tribal wars by fostering agriculture and industry.

By July the islands are a giant hot-house of blooms and the orchids of Honolulu and Hilo are on display at the flower shows. In August, that other Hawaiian product, the hula, is the subject for a new festival. Two hundred practitioners of the local wriggle gather on four successive Sundays in the Kapiolani band-shell to offer two hours hulas—modern, ancient and humorous.

For those with Hawaii on the mind and some trepidation about expense in the heart, there are all kinds of tours packaged and prepared which indicate how much you will spend before you ever take off. For example, United Airlines offers Easterners an all-expense air cruise for seven days at \$514 per person including fare from New York, hotel accommodations, all transportation while in

the islands and tours and meals while away from the hotel in Honolulu. Travelers can fly via Los Angeles or San Francisco, stopping in one city on the way out and the other on the way back. Anybody leaving directly out of San Francisco or L.A. can do Hawaii for as low as \$271 plus tax including round trip air coach fare. The tab here includes European type lodging (no meals) for six nights at the Edgewater, Islander or Comstock Hotels and transfers between the Honolulu Airport and the hotel. Incidentally, United's DC-7s carry first class passengers to the islands in 8½ hours, but Hawaiians were agog the other week when the new deHavilland Comet swept into Honolulu Airport, then whizzed to Vancouver, British Columbia in less than 6 hours. Jet travel, due before this decade is over, will mean much for Hawaii travel, which is one long non-stop excursion from the U.S. mainland.

And speaking of air tours, the Third Annual Elks Post Convention Tour of Hawaii, sponsored by the Elks of the Islands is all set. You'll leave Chicago on July 12th, spend the next fourteen days visiting this Paradise of the Pacific and return to Los Angeles on July 27th. I understand the Magazine's Travel Service has full details.

As for ship travel, a typical tour is offered by Brownell of Birmingham (check your own travel agent in your city), sailing on the Lurline on March 5, April 21,

May 28, July 13, and Sept. 12. It takes four and a half days to steam from California to Waikiki and the total tour runs between twenty-two and twenty-four days. Sharing a double room would bring the tariff to about \$750 per person plus tax, and occupying a single room would bring your bill up in the \$800-bracket. However, this includes your passage by sea, hotel room, three meals every day everywhere, inter island touring with escort, and a rooty-tooty luau, which is a sit down (on the floor) dinner featuring a pig roasted in an underground oven and an assortment of Hawaiian trappings that make great pictures and great conversation back home. The tour takes in visits to the islands of Kauai, Oahu, Maui, and the big island of Hawaii. Hula lessons are given aboard the Matson liners, but the cost of the lessons or liniment are not included in the all-inclusive price.

Turmoil in the Near East

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realism. The new Israeli state will probably be "expansionist" for some time. It will inevitably reach somewhat larger frontiers than the existing ones. It will not, however, threaten the life of any of the Arab states. And it will certainly not go out of existence. The Israelis need to calm down and the Arabs need to face facts.

There is an even subtler conflict at work here. The Israeli state represents not merely Western capital but Western technology. It is "advanced" in an area that is notably "backward". The very success of its various projects creates a deep uneasiness in neighboring states that see no prospect of such gains. A new civilization is having its impact on a very old one and the natural result is turmoil.

It is obvious that the Soviet Union is trying to make as much capital as possible out of this situation. For the moment the Communist tactic is to identify the cause of Israel with "the West", and to express sympathy for the Arabs in their plight. The Soviet Union, for example, espoused a resolution of punitive censure against Israel in the United Nations.

The transparent insincerity of this position has not yet been sufficiently exposed. It is true that there has been a basic undercurrent of anti-Semitism in Soviet policy in spite of the fact that the Communists have occasionally made good use of unhappy Jews. It is also true that many of the persons who are making a new home in Israel are fugitives, not from Hitler, but from Communist dictatorships. On the other hand, the Communist regime in Russia has been equally harsh in its suppression of Moslem groups. Hundreds of mosques have been destroyed or turned into rooming houses.

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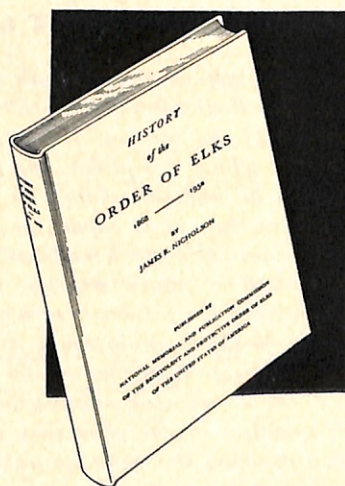


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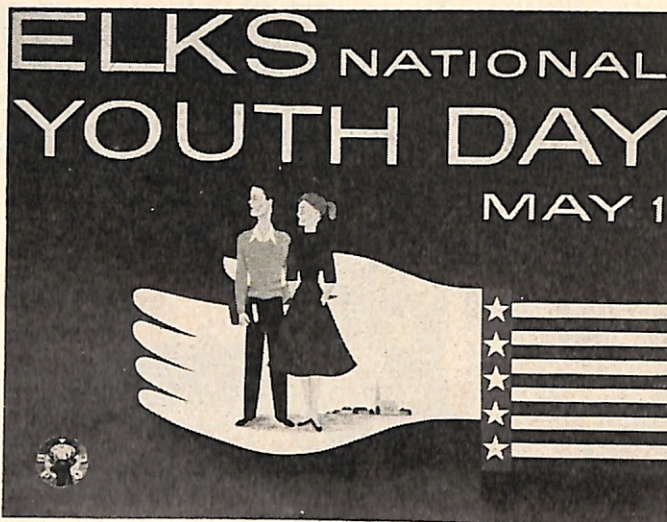


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Elks National Youth Day Proclamation

The sixth annual Elks National Youth Day will be observed throughout Elkdom on May 1 in response to a proclamation by Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker dedicating the day to the nation's youth as a tribute to their accomplishments as Junior Citizens.

Chairman Dewey E. S. Kuhns of the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee has supplied all lodges with a kit of promotion material for Youth Day, including a colorful poster, reproduced above. The kit also includes detailed suggestions, prepared by Committeeman Brian M. Jewett in charge of Youth Day, to aid lodges in planning a constructive observance that will best promote the objectives of Youth Day.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker's proclamation follows:

A PROCLAMATION

Our obligation to our youth to help them to train and equip themselves for their future responsibilities is greater today than ever before, because of the tensions and strains that arise from the turbulence of our era, which complicate the problems of youth.

Let it be said that America's youth, despite the distractions and disturbances that beset them, are exhibiting, in overwhelming numbers, a soundness of outlook and dedication to purpose that promise well for our country's future security and progress. Instead of decrying and dramatizing the misdeeds of a comparatively few youngsters, let us act constructively to guide young Americans along the path of good citizenship. Let us give, in ever greater degree, of our understanding, our guidance, encouragement and inspiration to help our boys and girls develop the qualities of character they will need as tomorrow's leaders.

To promote this most desirable objective, I, John L. Walker, Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, do proclaim May 1, 1956, as Elks National Youth Day. I urge and request all lodges and all members to join in suitable observance of this day that will honor our youth for their accomplishments as Junior Citizens, and give deserved and proper recognition of their services to community, state and nation. Let these observances of Elks National Youth Day be community-wide tributes to our youth, that will demonstrate our partnership with them, our understanding interest in their affairs, and our sincere purpose to help them prepare for tomorrow's responsibilities and opportunities.

John L. Walker

Grand Exalted Ruler

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN



Traverse City, Mich., Lodge backs Elks National Foundation campaign with 46 Participating Memberships and \$1,000 Honorary Founder's Certificate purchased by Lodge. Al Ott, PER, who headed campaign, hands check for \$820 collected against pledges to D.D. Fritz Coppens; Gerald Stanek, E.R., left.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walker's campaign for the Elks National Foundation is bringing in a rising tide of contributions that promise a banner year for the Order's great philanthropic agency.

John F. Malley, PGER and Chairman of the Foundation's Trustees, said that contributions for January, latest month available, totalled \$45,000, which was \$9,300 above the month last year. He predicted that Elks will subscribe to a record number of \$100 Participating Memberships this year. A coupon is printed below to make it easier for them.

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Turmoil in the Near East

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The Moslem minorities have been obliged to conform "or else". For Moscow to come out now as the champion of the Islamic world reaches a new high in hypocrisy. Communism can no more tolerate the veneration of Mohammed than it can permit the worship of Jehovah or Jesus, and it has not done so. If the Arab states are bemused by soft words from the Kremlin they merely attest their own naiveté.

Nevertheless, the Soviet Union is on strong ground in undertaking to exploit mistrust of "the West". With the exception of Turkey and Afghanistan every one of these near the middle eastern states has recently emerged from either colonial rule or a high degree of external control. Syria and Lebanon were mandated to France under the League of Nations. Palestine and Jordan were British protectorates. Egypt was sharply limited by the British occupation of the Suez and the condominium over the Sudan. Iraq was "Mesopotamia". Iran and Saudi Arabia, not to mention Yemen, were certainly "protected" in the sense that their oil resources were a matter of the gravest external concern. Pakistan was part of British India and the Indian Empire.

They are now independent states. "Nationalism" is the key word. Sometimes it can be productive, as it has been in Pakistan, where there is little obsession with the old idea of "colonialism". Sometimes it can be fantastically destructive, as it was in the stupid regime of Mossadegh in Iran, which all but destroyed the country.

This "nationalism", in turn, does not always have solid legal and constitutional roots. It may be an assertion of self-respect, and as such it can be honored. It may be a means of protest against conditions that can and ought to be remedied. As such it deserves respect. It may be, on the other hand, a deliberate device for blinding an emotional people to real needs and real remedies, as was the case in Iran and is the case in Indonesia and, to a lesser degree, in Egypt.

In almost every case, however, the Soviet Union is directing this drive of "nationalism" against the West wherever that is possible. This could not be done among literate and informed peoples. For the Soviet Union, which has conquered and colonized much of Eastern Europe, all of Central Asia, Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, North Korea, Manchuria, Sinkiang and Mongolia, to appear as the "anti-colonial" champion is so absurd that informed persons must either laugh or retch. But the peoples of the Near and Middle East are not informed and, unhappily, some of their leaders do not wish them to be.

Here, again, there is the resistance of the old to the new. The Arab League, for

example, is a loose and very weak confederation of weak states whose purpose is not to make them stronger but to preserve the society from which their weakness springs. A typical example was the almost frenetic protest of the League against Iraq's acceptance of the Baghdad Pact. But there was nothing that the League could do about it. The same thing is true of the recent pointless riots in Jordan, ostensibly aimed at the proposed Jordanian accession to the Baghdad group. This was, rather, one more protest against facing up to the facts. It had all the earmarks of the usual Communist inspiration, since it is to the advantage of the Soviet Union to keep the Arab states in the past rather than to let them emerge into the present and the future.

In addition to these fundamental clashes there have been several peripheral ones of which the Russians have tried to make capital. The restless nationalism in North Africa, for example, has been made to order for the Communists. The French have charged that some of the worst rioting in Tunisia and Morocco was not merely fomented by Communist agents but actually directed from a Communist radio station in Cairo. Moreover, the Soviet bloc in the United Nations has taken every opportunity to embarrass France in connection with the complex North African problems and to put on the appearance of championing the down-trodden. It was plain to see that the Soviet representatives in the United Nations were chagrined and disappointed

PRESENTS ELK HISTORY TO AUBURN LIBRARY



At the close of his term as Exalted Ruler of Auburn, N. Y., Lodge, Philip J. Conboy presented a copy of "The History of the Order of Elks" to the Seymour Library of that city. Miss Louise M. Elder, Seymour's Librarian, accepted the gift.

PROCLAMATION

To All Subordinate Lodges and Members of
the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective
Order of Elks of the United States of America

GREETINGS:

The Grand Exalted Ruler, by and with the approval of the Board of Grand Trustees of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, acting upon authority given him under Section 6, Article 3, Grand Lodge Constitution, does hereby proclaim that the next session of the membership and representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will convene in Chicago, Illinois, July 8, 1956, with the opening and public meeting to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Sunday, July 8, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The opening business session will convene in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel at 9:00 Monday morning, July 9, 1956, at which time the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. Business sessions will continue thereafter each morning at 9:00 on July 10, 11 and 12, until the business to come before the sessions is finished.

The Conrad Hilton Hotel has been selected as Headquarters for the 92nd Session of the Grand Lodge. The Exhibition Hall on the lower level of the Conrad Hilton Hotel has been set aside for the REGISTRATION of all Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen, District Deputies, Subordinate Lodge Representatives, Grand Lodge Members, visiting Elks and their Ladies.

Room reservations at the Conrad Hilton Hotel for Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Grand Lodge Officers, Committeemen and District Deputies will be made by Franklin J. Fitzpatrick, Convention Director, 161 East 42nd Street, New York 17, New York. He will mail reservation forms and a letter outlining the procedure.

Room reservations for Subordinate Lodge Representatives, Grand Lodge Members, all Elks and their families—with the exception of the Grand Lodge Party as outlined in the preceding paragraph—will be made through the State Associations. The National Convention Committee, following the practice of previous years of housing by States, will allot rooms to each State Association and those planning to attend the Convention are urged to make the fact known to their State Association Housing Chairman immediately. Neither the National Convention Committee nor the Chicago Hotels will accept reservations direct from Lodges or individual Elks.

Dated: February 15, 1956

Attest:

Grand Secretary
Lee A. Donaldson

John L. Walker

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GRAND EXALTED RULER

when France was able to make a relatively prompt, peaceful and forward-looking settlement in Tunisia.

Even more recently the Communist "travelling salesmen", Khrushchev and Bulganin, made a blatant attempt to stir up both India and Afghanistan against Pakistan. They told the cheering Indians that the dispute over the disposition of Kashmir had already been settled "by the will of the Kashmiri people" and that Kashmir ought to be, and indeed it already was, an integral part of the Indian nation. This was, of course, an outrageous lie, since the Kashmiris have had no chance to express their free will at any time since the central part of the state was occupied by Indian troops in 1947. But the Indians were delighted to hear it inasmuch as it supported their claim to Kashmir. More than that, the Russians' declarations constituted a cynical and contemptuous attack on the United Nations, since the Kashmir case is still before the Security Council, of which the

Soviet Union is a permanent member. By any standards of international ethics the Russians have certainly disqualified themselves from sitting on this case in the Security Council.

In the case of Afghanistan there was equal intervention in the relations between two neighboring states. The Russians stated that they fully approved and supported the Afghan proposal to establish a new border nation by taking jurisdiction of the Pathan tribesmen in Pakistan's Frontier area away from Pakistan. There has been quite a bit of tension over this issue between Pakistan and Afghanistan. The Pakistanis feel, quite rightly, that this claim is a threat to their undoubtedly legal sovereignty over the Pathan tribes. Many persons other than Pakistanis think that the whole proposal of an independent "Pushtunistan" has been absurd from the beginning. There is no indication that these nomadic tribesmen want anything except to be let alone and certainly no one believes that such a

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little landlocked state could possibly survive economically even if the tribesmen miraculously discovered the political skills to govern a modern nation.

The quarrel made good grist for the Communist mill and the declaration of support for the Afghans in it was even more impressive in Kabul than the vague promises of economic help. In the Afghan case, Bulganin and Khrushchev made no attempt to conceal their motives. They were animated, they said, by their hostility toward Pakistan because the Pakistanis had chosen to align themselves with the free world. They denounced the pact between Pakistan and the United States quite openly, as they did in Kashmir, in contrast to their more general and veiled statements to the same effect in India.

THIS hostility toward Pakistan, the Baghdad Pact and the United States is more than the opposition of communism to the free world. The emergence of a strong Pakistan, allied to other strong powers—Britain, the United States and Turkey—is a bar to Russian expansion to the southeast. Afghanistan is on the "invasion" route and the British checked Russian maneuvers there for half a century. The maneuvers have now started up again with massive Russian "missions" and part of the gamble for control of the Afghans is this tactic of assailing Pakistan.

In attacking Pakistan, moreover, Moscow is playing for sympathy in the Arab world, just as in the attacks on Israel. Pakistan is emerging as much the strongest of the Moslem states. It is the most populous and now the most progressive. The religious center of gravity of Islam is Mecca, in Saudi Arabia. The intellectual center of gravity has been, for many years, El Azhar University in Cairo. Mecca's position is not threatened, but Egyptian leadership definitely is.

Pakistan is in the midst of framing a new Constitution which will be avowedly "secular". Nevertheless, Pakistan is an Islamic state and nothing in that Constitution is to be repugnant to Koranic law. Moreover, Pakistan has several fine universities and others are in the making. The Islamic world of Pakistan will not be the world of the "mullahs"—the old Koranic teachers—but a new and vital, but still Islamic world. The orthodox teachers in Cairo may well regard this with dismay. Thus cultural leadership, as well as physical, is challenged.

The alliance of Pakistan and Turkey, at the two ends of the Near East crescent, with the inevitable attraction to Iran and Iraq in between, makes the Arab League woefully weak by comparison. This accounts for the pressure that Egypt, especially, tried to put upon Iraq and Iran to keep them out of the pact. This effort was unsuccessful and the loss in prestige to Egypt and the Arab League was considerable.

In this situation the Soviet Union is

Widow of PGER Sammis Passes Away in Calif.

On January 12th, Mrs. J. U. Sammis, the widow of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Sammis, died in Pasadena, California, at an advanced age. Mrs. Sammis had lived there for several years. Services were held in Pasadena, but internment was in the city cemetery of Le Mars, Iowa, where Mr. Sammis is buried. J. U. Sammis was Grand Exalted Ruler 1909-1910. Mrs. Sammis is survived by a son, C. Randall Sammis, and a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Harriman.

making strong overtures to the Egyptians. There was first the scheme to sell arms, through the satellites, which was designed to foment further strife between Egypt and Israel at a time when these two seemed to be approaching some sort of settlement. The next Soviet proposal was the offer to build the Aswan High Dam on the upper Nile. This project is vital to Egypt's economic development and Egypt can obtain the necessary long-term help from the World Bank and the United States. The Soviet Union has tried to make a more attractive offer, but has included the provision, of course, that all the work will be done under the complete supervision of Soviet technicians and engineers. Thus far, the Egyptians have regarded this proposal with some suspicion for obvious reasons.

At the same time, the United States and the World Bank do not wish to be put in the position of trying to outbid the Soviet Union in an effort to gain Egyptian friendship. The Aswan project is sound and justifiable on its merits and it is the American position that it should not be turned into a football for the Communist game of infiltration, subversion and power politics.

The United States is ready, however, to give help where help is needed in the Near and Middle Eastern area. Some of that help, as in the case of Pakistan and Turkey, is directly military. While the United States was not an original signatory to the Baghdad Pact, it is obvious that this alliance would be almost meaningless without this American military support to its key members in Asia. Moreover, through the position of Turkey, this Asian group is now tied up to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to which Turkey adheres.

Thus the positions of strength are gradually being built up. So long as these clashes of interest recur among the various Near and Middle Eastern states, there will be a fruitful ground for Communist maneuver. It is therefore to our interest and the interest of the free world, to do what we can to solve the problems of conflicting interests and to minimize the clashes.

In some cases this can be done on our own initiative, as through the device of "good offices". A conspicuous example of success in this field was our role as a

mediator in the British-Iranian oil dispute. We had chosen not to take a similar role in the British-Egyptian dispute over the Suez but we were able to give Britain some needed assurances of further assistance, in relation to the defense of the Eastern Mediterranean.

In addition, the United States can properly call upon the United Nations to play a more active part than it has been able to take thus far. The United Nations has acted as mediator in the Israel-Egypt clashes and must make this mediation more effective. This means, naturally, that the United Nations will be obliged to insist that one of its permanent Security Council members, the Soviet Union, stay out of the picture.

The same thing is true in the case of Pakistan and Kashmir. This is a United Nations problem and the United Nations has proposed an equitable solution—a free plebiscite by the Kashmiris to determine whether they will accede to India

or Pakistan. India has thus far blocked such a plebiscite and the United Nations will be justified in calling upon India to live up to her obligations, under the United Nations Charter. At this point, also, the United Nations should call upon the Soviet Union to stay out of the dispute, since the Communists have already committed themselves and by no stretch of the imagination can justifiably sit in judgment.

There are no quick and easy solutions for many of these problems. They arise inevitably from a world that is rapidly changing from old to new. What is required of us, therefore, is understanding and patience, resolution and fortitude. In instruments such as the alliance with Pakistan and the Baghdad Pact we have elements of strength. In our own vast resources we have instruments for problem-solving. These instruments must be used with flexibility and imagination if we and the free world are to survive.

In the Doghouse

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lbs. for males, with the female somewhat lighter. The breed name was changed from Russian wolfhound to borzoi in November, 1936. This too is an ancient breed originating in Asia and described as a hunting assistant to Mongol rulers from the time of Genghis Khan.

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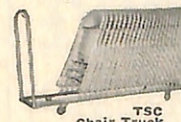
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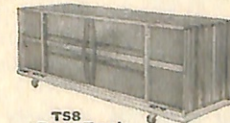
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cient. The beautiful lines of these dogs inspired the great animal painter Landseer to paint them and Sir Walter Scott, who owned one such hound, was enthusiastic about it and described his dog as "The most perfect creature of Heaven". What a writer of motion picture advertising or TV commercials he would have made.

The deerhound's coat is wiry and "harsh", from three to four inches long and either brindle, or varying shades of grey or yellowish red.

The basset hound is a short-legged dog with a chassis something like a dachshund. He's hound-marked, has enormous drooping ears and the saddest expression next to a bloodhound's. This is a French dog, a scent trailer with great endurance, but a slow worker. He's a gentle dog and his expression is so comic that one of his species has become a TV favorite. He's not very active but is said to make a good housepet as well as being a rugged and determined worker in the field.

The harrier is another dog not very well known on this side of the Atlantic, but he is an effective dog in the field. The breed was first known in the 13th Century. These dogs are scent hounds and were known to Colonial Americans as excellent hunters. He's not a fast dog, and looks something like the foxhound.

PGER Hallinan Is Named an Associate Justice

The many thousands of friends in the Order of Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, Chairman of the Elks National Service Commission, will be most pleased to know that the Governor of the State of New York, Honorable Averell Harriman, has appointed him an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court. In 1945, Judge Hallinan was re-elected to a position on the Supreme Court Bench which would expire December 31, 1959. The present appointment to the Appellate Division is a **five-year term**.

The greatest trailer among all dogs is the bloodhound. In the September, 1955, issue of your Elks Magazine I devoted an entire article to this outstanding breed. This dog possesses the keenest scenting powers of any dog in the world and is the only dog recognized in court for ability to identify a captured suspect. This is one of the very oldest breeds. Bloodhounds are large, weighing from 80 to 110 lbs. Colors are black and tan or red and tan. Coats are short.

Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker

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Exalted Ruler Walker was the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner. Among the many prominent Elks and dignitaries present at the dinner and meeting, who were also called upon for brief remarks by Chairman Jacob L. Sherman, were: Governor Edwin C. Johnson; Chief Justice of Supreme Court Wilbur M. Alter and Justice Henry S. Lindsley, both former members of Grand Forum; Justice Francis J. Knauss; P.D.D. Duke W. Dunbar, Attorney General of Colorado; Don Johnson, Colorado Elks State President; Dave Hamil P.D.D. and Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives; Arthur Allen, Past Grand Lecturing Knight and District Deputies, Robert Haywood, William Brennan and Frank Orecchio.

On January 17th Grand Exalted Ruler

and Mrs. Walker were met at the Kansas City Airport by Past Grand Esquire H. H. Russell, District Deputy Clyde Ellis, Pres. Mo. State Elks Assn. Francis B. Karr, Treasurer, Mo. State Elks Max D. Frye, Past Presidents Harry R. Garrison and Ben B. Hanis, Past District Deputy Andrew A. Brown and Exalted Ruler of Kansas City Lodge Robert W. Boyle. Floyd Brown, Field Representative of the Elks National Service Commission, also arrived and joined the group there. Kansas City Lodge entertained in the new lodge building, which will be dedicated very shortly, with a noon-day luncheon, attended by about 150 Elks. Following the dinner, the Walkers drove to **WARRENSBURG, MO.**, where they were honored at a buffet supper attended by all Past Exalted Rulers, lodge officers and several Elks from nearby lodges. Among those present were District Deputy John E. Craig, Past Presidents Foster Thurston, and Harry Garrison, Past District Deputy Dave Blair, Floyd Brown, Eugene F. Keyes, State Secretary and H. H. Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Walker, accompanied by Brother Russell then drove to **BELLEVIEW, ILL.**, where they were joined by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner; Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, Nick Feder, District Deputy Henry Schultz and George F. Thornton, Vice-President at large, Ill. State Elks. That evening, January 18th, a dinner was held in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor.

Grand Exalted Ruler's Itinerary*

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| March | 2 | Warren, Pa. |
| | 5 | Tuscaloosa, Ala. |
| | 6 | Montgomery and Dothan, Ala. |
| | 7 | Columbus and Griffith, Ga. |
| | 8 | Atlanta and Athens, Ga. |
| | 9 | Elberton, Ga. and Anderson, S. C. |
| | 10 | Sumter and Florence, S. C. |
| | 11 | Miami Beach, Fla. |
| | 13 | Pompano Beach, Fla. |
| | 14 | Pahokee, Fla. |
| | 15 | Stuart-Jensen, Fla. |
| | 16 | Daytona Beach, Fla. |
| | 17 | Orlando, Fla. |
| | 18 | Amatilla, Fla. |

*Subject to change

Largest of all dogs is the Irish wolfhound. These are the giants of dogdom. They, like the deerhounds, are outdoor dogs. When standing upon its hind legs a matured dog of this breed is taller, much taller, than a very tall man.

The Saluki is another Asiatic sight hound, swift and graceful. He somewhat resembles the Afghan but has a much shorter coat.

Norway contributes a hound, the Norwegian Elkhound, a dog of the Vikings, looking something like the chow. He has a dense, shaggy coat and upright ears. Skeletons of these dogs have been found together with stone implements in a stratum dated from 4,000 to 5,000 B.C. He was used to hunt elk and, until recently, bear in his native Norway and of course is a dog of great courage and endurance. He enjoys some popularity in the United States but interest is confined mostly to breeders and exhibitors. He's a scent hound with an extremely heavy outer coat and a dense inner coat. His color is grey with black tips on each hair and the size ranges from 18 to 20½ inches. In disposition this dog is reserved, does not like to be handled too much by strangers but is said to be very loyal to his owner and family. The Elkhound is a good all-around dog for outdoors or in the home and is reputed to be an excellent watch dog. Since nearly everyone knows what a foxhound is like, it is scarcely necessary to describe the breed here. There are two varieties, the American and the English, the former being the smaller of the

two. These are scent hounds with plenty of staying power and are not often housepets.

Another of the more recently recognized hounds is the basenji, an African dog with a short, curly tail and upright ears. He is about the size of a fox terrier, a dignified little fellow with a short, shining coat. Although the breed was recognized in 1943 it is still rather scarce in the United States. The dog is every inch a hunter and was developed by the natives of central Africa to trail game by scent and the dog is said to be barkless. Actually, when excited he emits a peculiar soft yodel-like sound and does not bark. By selective breeding, natives of that part of Africa developed a barkless dog and the reason is obvious. A barking dog in the jungle would frighten wild animals beyond pursuit. Until recent times few natives had long-range weapons and had to attack their game at close quarters. Colors are chestnut and white, black and white, or black, tan and white. This is a little dog that deserves to go far in the affections of those who like dogs.

Last of the hounds to be officially recognized is the Rhodesian Ridgeback, or Rhodesian Lion dog, another African dog used in his native country to hunt lions. As may be supposed, this dog has to have great courage and fighting ability. He's a scent hound and is distinguished by a ridge of hair that runs along his back. Boer farmers have been largely responsible for his development.

What's Right About Baseball?

(Continued from page 12)

at Willie Mays recently. I'm giving Speaker a break when I say Willie can catch any ball Speaker could get under. Twenty-five years from now the die-hards of 1981 probably will be insisting no outfielder of that period compares with Mays, Al Kaline and several others of the present. But it won't be true."

As for Speaker himself, the only fault Tris can find with today's outfielders is that they don't get as many assists as the old-timers did.

"When I was with the Indians it was a rule that every time an outfielder caught a ball when there were no men on bases, he had to wheel and fire the ball to the plate," he said. "It kept their arms in good shape and they were able to throw out plenty of base-runners just from forming the habit of throwing the ball as soon as they caught it. None of this stuff of lobbing the ball to the short-stop or second baseman for a relay into the infield. I guess today's outfielders would feel embarrassed at throwing the ball on a line to the plate for fear fans would think they were showing off."

On the subject of outfielders' ability as a whole, as compared to those of his day, Speaker makes no claim that the oldtimers generally were superior. Jim

Piersall of the Red Sox, who seldom is content to toss the ball to a relay point, comes closest to being Spoke's type of outfielder.

Jimmie Dykes, Cincinnati Redlegs coach, who was one of the top third-basemen of his day with the Athletics, has this to say:

"No matter what others may insist, there are a lot of great players in the majors today—men who could have made good in any baseball era."

As to the home run, then and now, David J. Grote, manager of the National League Service Bureau, has dug up some intriguing information as a possible explanation for the increase in circuit clouts. He didn't even bother to mention the alleged livelier ball.

"The answer is simple," he said. "There are so many more big, powerful men in the majors today than three decades ago. I conducted a survey of my own to find out just how much larger the major leaguer of today is compared with his predecessors. Since even in kids' choose-up games, the largest boy usually is the first-baseman, I started with that position. I found that the average National League first-baseman in 1935 stood 5 feet, 11 inches and weighed 177 pounds.

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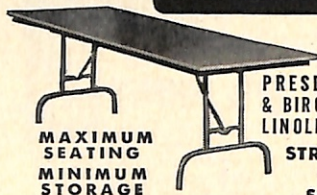
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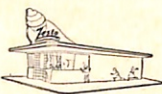
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His present-day counterpart is 6 feet, 2½ inches tall and weighs 198½ pounds. Figuring this would not be conclusive, I skipped across the diamond and took the third-basemen. In 1935 the average National League third-baseman weighed 167 pounds and stood 5 feet, 11 inches. Today he averages 6 feet, ¼ inch and weighs 190 pounds.

"To me, that's the answer to the home run situation. Dissenters might point out that the pitcher also should be larger and stronger. He is. He can throw harder, but that only adds credence to my point. The harder the ball is thrown, the farther it will travel upon contact. In 1954 the National League established an all-time league record when six players hit forty or more home runs. Who were the six? Ted Kluszewski (6-2, 236 pounds), Gil Hodges (6-1½, 200), Hank Sauer (6-3½, 200), Duke Snider (6-0, 190), Ed Mathews (6-1½, 195) and 'little' Willie Mays (5-11, 175).

"One point always emphasized by the old-timers, and which to me is ridiculous, is that they, as kids, had to play in cow pastures, on bumpy fields and in the streets. How can anyone reason that that made them better ball players, as compared with today's youngsters who compete on good fields, with good equipment, in the various Little Leagues organized for boys? As far as I'm concerned, the good ol' days are now."

BACK in December, 1911, a young fellow named Will Harridge got a job as secretary to Ban Johnson, then president of the American League. Today, as president, secretary and treasurer of the league, Harridge rarely misses a game in Chicago.

"I suppose I would be considered a prejudiced witness if I said the present-day player is superior to the old-timer, so I'll by-pass that phase of the game," said Harridge. "Let's look at it from another angle. If fans of today could be given a glimpse of some of the parks the old-timers played in, the rowdiness that prevailed in the stands and on the field, the conduct of some of the concessionaires and ushers, they'd never again listen with respect to yarns about the good old days.

"As to the oft repeated allegation that baseball's popularity is on the wane, let's examine some figures. In 1925 the American League had a total paid attendance of 5,186,851. In 1955, for the first time in the league's history, six clubs exceeded the 1,000,000 mark, the total for the circuit being 8,942,971. I am not using the latter figure because it constitutes a record. It doesn't. The high mark is 11,150,099, in 1948. Yes, we have some problems to work out in television, parking facilities and minor league relationships, but none of these is insurmountable."

Incidentally, the National League attendance of 7,672,795 last year, plus the American League total, constituted a net gain of 4.27 per cent for the majors

over 1954. In 1954 the senior circuit attracted 8,013,519, the junior loop 7,922,364, for a net gain of 10.8 per cent over 1953.

Warren C. Giles, president of the National League, thinks the common mistake made by the advocates of yesterday is that, without realizing it, they encompass a period which may span twenty-five years and compare it to a single current season.

"The world has advanced so rapidly in all respects down through the years that everything is better today," said Giles. "Certainly the human body, especially that of the professional athlete, is superior."

What about Ty Cobb's recent assertion that modern players don't match the athletes of old because the former didn't move around enough during the off-season—like hunting during the winter? There are no figures to prove it, but if statistics were available it probably would be found that more hunting and fishing licenses are issued throughout the United States each year to ball players than to any other class of people.

The frequently heard question—usually regarded as the clincher by the old-timers—is: Where are the .400 hitters today? It's a good question. There's a logical answer. The truth is that only eight men, one of whom is an active player today, have hit .400 in the last fifty-five years. Ted Williams of the Red Sox averaged .406 in 1941. Among the others, Cobb, George Sisler and Rogers Hornsby did it more than once, making a grand total of thirteen times the .400 mark has been reached or passed since the modern history of baseball began in 1900.

Ten of the thirteen occasions on which the majors came up with a .400 hitter occurred prior to 1925. What, then, happened after 1925? A search for the answer among all the gray-thatched sages who could be rounded up proved of no avail. Opinions were scattered, few agreeing on any basic points. Finally in the faded, brittle pages of a 1926 Reach American League Baseball Guide a perfectly logical explanation was found. J. W. Curtiss, then president of A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc., addressed the mid-summer meeting of the National League that year, offering reasons for the increase in home runs and, at the same time, making it clear why the .400 hitter was doomed to become a relic of the past.

His remarks, as chronicled by the editor of the Guide, were, in part:

"President Curtiss, in the course of his remarks on the increase in home run hitting, expressed the belief that this was due to three causes. One was the decadence of pitchers (the spitball was outlawed in 1920), most of them placing their main reliance on the fast ball to the exclusion of curves and change of pace. Another reason was the fact that batsmen have dropped the old-time scien-

"FREEDOM'S FACTS"—Our Critical Year



This excerpt from "Freedom's Facts," a publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, is published because it is in accord with The Elks Magazine's long

standing policy to run informative material exposing the communist conspiracy. Membership in the Conference consists of fifty national organizations, including the BPOE.

Although the communists made some dramatic changes in tactics during 1955, it appears that they have not made any spectacular gains. At least, there has been nothing comparable to the take-over of Czechoslovakia in 1948, the capture of the China mainland in 1949, or the attack on South Korea in 1950.

What gains they made—at the Bandung Conference, in exploiting the "spirit of Geneva," and in the trade-and-arms deal with Egypt—are significant mainly in the developments they may engender in 1956 and beyond.

Most important for the world communist movement, and that includes communist activities in the United States, is the fact that a new, vigorous leadership dedicated to classic Marxism-Leninism has taken over control of the Party's world apparatus. A main emphasis of Marxism-Leninism is world revolution.

Ever since the celebration of the 38th anniversary of the October 1917 revolution, the present leadership of N. A. Bulganin and N. S. Khrushchev have been laying the groundwork for the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, to be held in Moscow late in February. While many details of communist plans for 1956 will not be known until that meeting takes place, the general outlines of what to expect from the Reds during the coming year already have been stated.

First Deputy Premier Lazar M. Kaganovich stated on November 6, 1955, that internally the Soviet Union will step up its industrialization "to catch up with and outstrip . . . the United States . . . economically." In the foreign area, the Reds will promote a new "socialist internationalism" based on "close bonds linking the Soviet people with the broad masses of all countries of the world."

Day to day statements by top Party leaders indicate that the new "socialist internationalism" will be carried on by two general programs: 1—promotion of non-resistance to communist advances; 2—promotion of Lenin's revolutionary theory of class warfare and a political drive to establish dictatorships of the proletariat wherever possible.

The promotion of non-resistance already has begun in the United States and may well be the major problem to be faced here during 1956. In essence, this is a continuation of the "peace" crusade, the "spirit of Geneva" and the "relaxation of international tensions" campaigns. Its main characteristic: to present the Communist Empire as a peace-loving bloc interested above all in human welfare and the use of moral rather than military force in international relations. Its main objective: to break down active opposition to communist aggressions and, where possible, even to build support for communist policies.

Its specific aims fall into a wide range. At one extreme is Yugoslavia, which appears to be drifting closer to the Soviet communists. Ivan Bozicevic, Vice Chairman of the Yugoslav Trade Union Council, for example, reported on November 28, 1955, that the Soviets were "gratified" with the normalization of relations with Yugoslavia and now wanted "to have direct links with trade union organizations in our enterprises." He added, "We believe that such cooperation will contribute to further understanding and will extend Yugoslav-Soviet relations."

At the other extreme is the United States. Here, one major communist aim appears to be to weaken the American will to resist or to interfere with communist advances in other parts of the world. This campaign, which has been highlighted by Soviet demands that the U.S. reduce its armed forces, eliminate nuclear weapons, and close down its foreign bases, is now developing a new internal phase—designed to erode American will to resist by appealing to the sincere American desire for world peace.

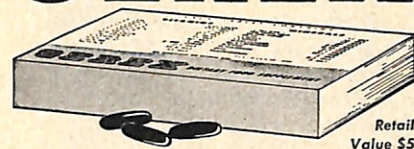
Between the two extremes of Yugoslavia and the United States, there are the many neutral and so-called "uncommitted" countries of Asia and Africa. The Reds are stepping up efforts to encourage non-resistance (such as the recent attack on Iran for joining the Baghdad Pact) and by encouraging these neutral states to split away from Western influences, as in India and Egypt.

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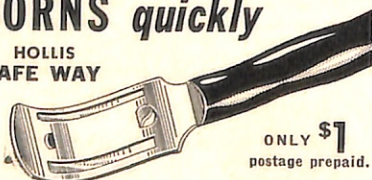
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magnates, who were unanimously converted to the belief that pitching inefficiency, fostered by the radical pitching rule changes, had most to do with the heavy batting of the day, and that the slugging mania of the players, combined with the shinier and almost seamless covers of the 1925 ball, had more to do with the freer batting and home run hitting than any difference in composition or manufacture of the ball. So we will probably hear little more of the banal talk about the 'lively' ball."

WELL, there it is. When the choked bat and "scientific method" of placing hits were scuttled in favor of the all-or-nothing swing, the .400 hitter became virtually a museum piece. The fans dictated their preference and the home run was forthcoming in record quantities. Who can argue that several top hitters of today couldn't boost their averages to .400 by choking their bats and being satisfied with singles? A single, you know, counts just as much as a home run in the percentages.

As to the lively ball, which year after year plays an important role in debates of "then" versus "now," a bit of research work in the office of Commissioner Ford Frick and A. G. Spalding & Bros., Inc., which, with the A. J. Reach Company, a subsidiary, has manufactured balls for the majors from the beginning, revealed these facts:

In 1910 the cork center ball, after having been used in occasional play the year previously, was put into regular play. It was slightly livelier than the old rubber-cored ball. In 1920 a still livelier ball made its appearance in the American League by accident. The manufacturer shifted to the use of Australian yarn, which was stronger than American yarn, and made it possible to wind the ball tighter. In 1926 the cushioned cork center ball, the liveliest of them all, was introduced in response to requests from club owners for a ball with more "bounce." The following year (1927) Ruth established the current record of sixty home runs in one season. The ball has not been changed materially since then, believe it or not.

Whenever you hear an argument about the alleged diminishing popularity of baseball, the subjects of radio, television and business men as club owners inevitably constitute the hub around which conversation swirls. Most major league owners are of the opinion that TV helps the game by creating a wider interest among members of families who otherwise might never be attracted by baseball. Minor league magnates insist they are being ruined by major league telecasts into minor league territory. It's still a wide open argument yet to be concluded.

As for aspersions hurled at business men club owners, that is the weakest, if not the silliest, reason ever advanced by the peddlers of gloom for the "downfall"

of baseball. Look behind every building contractor or brewer who is president of a club and you'll find a George Weiss (Yankees), Frank Lane (Cardinals) or Paul Richards (Orioles) who, as general manager, is just as smart an operator as anybody baseball history can come up with.

It is argued that too many present-day club owners don't love the game as did the Connie Macks, the Charley Comiskey and the Clark Griffiths. Well, James Keely, Jr., a building contractor, is serving as president of the Baltimore Orioles without any salary. If that isn't "love" it must be something closely akin to it. His predecessor, Clarence W. Miles, got \$25,000 a year as a token salary.

Let's listen to a thoroughly seasoned club owner, Horace Stoneham, who was destined to become president of the New York Giants from the day of his birth.

"Maybe we, the club officials, are to blame for building up in the minds of fans the belief that the major leagues are confronted with serious financial problems," said Stoneham. "There has been far too much cry of 'wolf,' too much yammering about fans not coming out and 'O God help us, what are we going to do?'"

"There is no financial stringency in the majors. How many clubs are for sale? Not one. A certain man with money and eligibility has been canvassing the situation and finds nobody wants to sell. If there were the reported troubles, would that hold-fast situation exist? I don't deny that we have our problems, but they are not serious. The salary levels will persist because in our present economy all salary levels in the United States must either be static or rise. We (the Giants) are protected against bad years, as are most of the other clubs in the majors, by the television-radio cushion. That, of course, is not all velvet."

Suppose we swing over to the minors, where the death rattle is supposed to be painfully audible. First, let's consider statistical facts only. In 1925 there were twenty-four minor leagues in existence. Last year thirty-three circuits opened the season. The same number closed the season with a grand total attendance of 19,042,825, a decline of two per cent over 1954, the smallest drop in five years. However, in 1954 thirty-six loops started the season, but only thirty-three finished.

The financial history of minor league baseball is, and probably always will be, comparable to a stock market chart. Take the present moment, for example. On the one hand is the scene of the Federal Government auctioning off the Richmond, Va., club of the International League for back taxes and the Kitty League, the oldest Class D circuit, folding up.

On the other side of the picture, the Big State League plans to expand from seven to twelve clubs and, under the name of the Texas State League, raise its classification from B to A. The Western League has announced expansion to an

8-club circuit. The Mississippi-Ohio Valley League's 1955 attendance of 435,943 was a gain of 68,740 over 1954. The Evangeline League announced plans for expansion to an 8-club loop. Minneapolis (American Association) will have a new stadium next season and St. Paul of the same league has voted \$2,000,000 for a new park. The Carolina League has voted to expand to eight clubs. The National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues (minor) has in recent years expanded its membership to include eighteen cities in three countries outside the United States, not counting the winter leagues. The International League voted to increase the minimum of a visiting club's daily share of television receipts from \$200 to \$500—a practice frowned upon in the majors, where the visiting club doesn't share in such revenue.

THE man who undoubtedly has a more accurate view of minor league baseball than anybody else is George M. Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

"Many irresponsible things are being said these days about baseball by people who have neither the time nor the inclination to examine the facts," said Trautman. "Yes, we have problems. We've always had problems, but we have none now that can't be solved."

"When the National Association was at the peak of its membership in 1949 with fifty-nine leagues it was assumed by some that we'd continue at that level. The history of the game shows that our membership fluctuates greatly. In 1932, for example, we had only eleven leagues."

"Radio and television constitute our big problem. TV sets in the United States now number 44,000,000. The telecasts of major league games into minor league territory, which is the most serious threat to the little fellows, is something for which we must find a solution. Several major league clubs already have indicated they plan to cease telecasting home games, so maybe this line of reasoning will result in fewer big league telecasts into minor territory."

"As to the quality of play in the minors, I've talked with many men who have been in the game thirty or forty years and we all agree the standard of play is as high as ever. I've also found that many people who argue to the contrary weren't even spectators during the period of which they speak so glowingly."

"I'm not being an optimist when I say the future of baseball is bright. Through the Little League, the Babe Ruth program and others, more boys by far are playing baseball than at any other time in history. Within the next few years there will be an unprecedented number of youngsters knocking at the door of professional baseball. This means an inevitable expansion of the field to make room for everybody."

"Yes, the game will face competition in other forms of entertainment, but it's

my profound belief that baseball's best days lie ahead."

One move designed to bolster the minors is the trend toward home ownership. Most major league magnates are now convinced that "chain store" operation of farm clubs doesn't set well with the home folks. One of the strongest advocates of local ownership is Gene Martin, new director of the Phillies' farm system.

"Community ownership can prove the salvation of many minor league clubs, especially those in Triple A," said Martin. "This doesn't mean such clubs would have to operate without player help from the majors. Men can always be optioned. What the minors need right now is more spectators in parks—and absentee ownership never will draw them."

"When a local group owns a club it is only natural to presume that among them will be men of influence in civic, business and professional circles. It would be no trick at all for them to pick up the phone and sell some big plant or merchandising association on the idea of an outing at the ball park. No one could expect people to respond in the same fashion to a telephone call from New York, Chicago or Boston."

The story of Columbus, Ohio, for years a financial flop as a Cardinal farm site in the American Association, provides strong support for Martin's theory. In its first season under home ownership in the International League, backed by a strong community-sponsored ticket drive, the Ohio city did better than all right.

It's pretty generally agreed that both the graybeards and younger generations have one complaint against modern baseball—that is justified. This is an age of speed—and games continue to last longer and longer. Statistics prove the old-timers disposed of a contest quicker. Bill Summers, senior umpire in the American League, blames the dawdling on television.

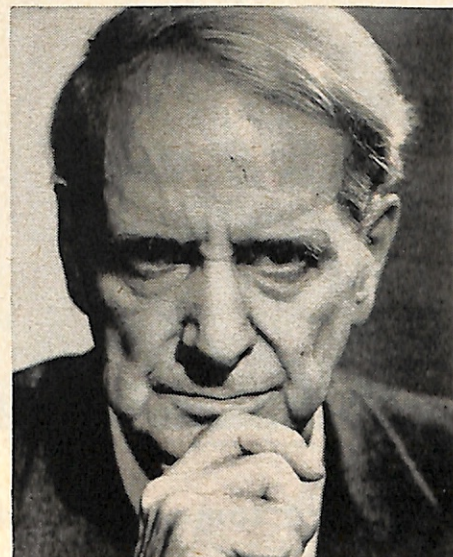
"Everybody wants to get into the act today so he can be seen on the television screen," said Bill. "In the old days before television it was very seldom we had a game that lasted three hours. Today it's common."

Which is probably why the recent action of the American League in limiting a manager to one trip to the mound per pitcher received enthusiastic public response.

Casey Stengel, manager of the Yankees, who'll probably welcome the new rule, once demonstrated the extent to which mound consultations can delay a game. It was a hot August day in Yankee Stadium. Casey already had made ten trips to the hill, where Allie Reynolds was wavering through one jam after another. When Stengel came out for the eleventh time, Reynolds said:

"Skip, I'm not tired."

"No?" snapped Casey. "Well, maybe you ain't, but I am, so you're comin' outa there."



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BY HARRY WALTON

SO MANY electrical troubles are minor that there's an even chance you can fix the next one yourself. But you should know what to look for, and when to call an electrician to take over.

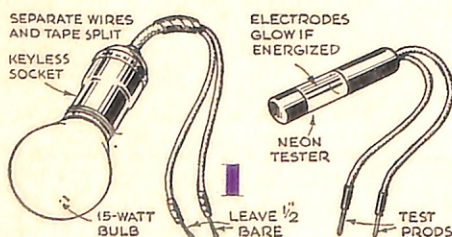
When any plugged-in appliance quits, whether it's a toaster, fan, or TV set, you can easily check for these faults:

- Plug loose in power outlet. Try holding it in by hand, or moving it about gently. Weak contacts inside may hold but not energize the plug.

- No power at outlet. Its circuit fuse may be blown, even if lights or other outlets work. Try another appliance in it, or check the outlet for power as described below.

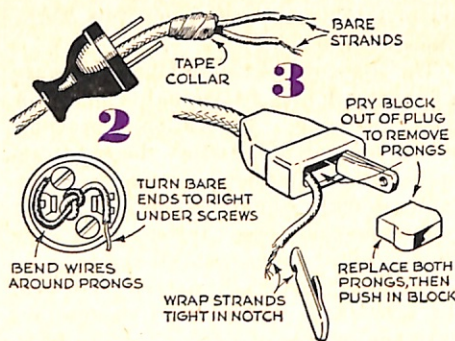
- Defective cord or plug. If the plug has screw terminals, see whether both wires are tight under them. Where there is a second plug at the appliance end (as for some irons, broilers and vacuum cleaners) a wire may be loose inside it.

CHECKING FOR POWER. A test lamp made from a switchless socket and a bulb, or a neon tester costing about half a dollar (Fig. 1), is very handy. With



either one, you can safely tell whether juice is available at an outlet by pushing the two tips or prods into the slots.

To check a two-plug cord with such a tester, plug the cord into a live outlet and insert the test prods into the appli-



ance plug at the other end. If it lights and stays lit when you flex the cord, the trouble is elsewhere. Should the light flicker when the cord is flexed, an inside conductor is broken. (Do not disconnect cords from appliance plugs or terminals and plug them in with bare wires exposed.)

In replacing a plug, see that the bared wire strands are scraped clean, and twist those of each wire lightly together. Slip the plug on the cord; then wrap a tape collar on the cord to keep it from pulling back through the plug, so taking strain off the terminal wires (Fig. 2). These should be long enough to go around the prongs. Turn the bared strands clockwise around the terminal screws, making sure no loose strand touches the other prong or terminal. Some modern plugs are connected without screws (Fig. 3).

FLUORESCENT-LAMP TROUBLES. Behind the lamp or the reflector, most fixtures have a small cylindrical device called a starter. This energizes two filaments in the ends of the glass tube to start the lamp, and then turns them off automatically. Some desk lamps have a special switch instead, which must be held down manually to start the light.

A fluorescent lamp that blinks repeatedly before settling down to business may have dirty pins or socket contacts. Take it out, brighten the pins with fine sandpaper, and replace it, twisting it in the contacts a few times to rub them clean.

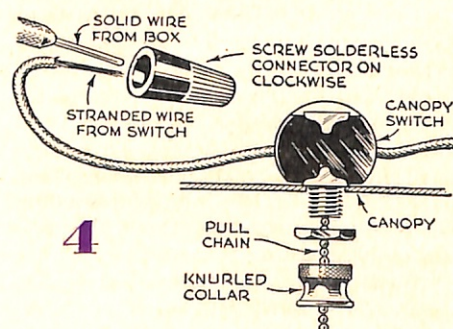
If the lamp still misbehaves, get a new starter of the same rating as the old (it comes out with a partial turn). Starters are cheaper than lamps and therefore worth replacing first. A bad one can cause blinking starts, keep the filaments glowing too long, or make the lamp start and go out repeatedly, all of which will soon damage it.

However, a blinking lamp may simply be over its useful age. If you have a second one on hand, try it before replacing the starter. If it lights promptly and stays lit, the starter is okay.

One type of starter quits trying if the lamp is defective. It must be reset by pressing a button on its top when the bad lamp is replaced.

When even a new lamp shows not a blink of life, the switch may have failed. To replace a canopy pull-chain switch, first shut off the main switch at the service entrance. Remove the lamp. Then unscrew the knurled center nut or the two fixture screws (or nuts) that hold up the canopy (the ornamental shell on which the lamp is mounted). Drop the canopy, unscrew the solderless connectors that join the switch leads to the heavy wires (Fig. 4) and untwist the flexible leads. Unscrew the knurled collar and hex nut from the switch, remove it, and install a new one.

Lay the bared switch leads alongside and a little ahead of the bared solid



wires, and screw the connectors on clockwise as you would a nut. They should tighten up firmly, and leave no bare wire exposed. If any is, tape it well.

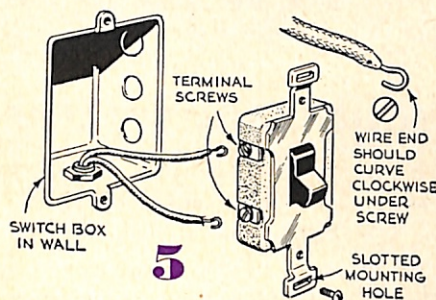
NEW SWITCHES FOR OLD. Canopy switches in other than fluorescent fixtures are replaced the same way. However, one that turns on two sets of lamps will have more than two wires. Get the same kind of switch, and hook it up wire for wire just like the old.

Unreliable wall switches, or the old-fashioned push-button kind, are easily replaced with modern toggle or mercury switches (the latter make no noisy snap, and will outlast the wall paper). If the

switch is the only one controlling a fixture or outlet, it is a single-pole switch. When two switches control the same fixture, both are what electricians call three-way switches. Buy replacements accordingly, and if you are replacing push-button switches, get new wall plates for toggle switches.

Shut off the main switch first. Then remove the screw or screws holding on the wall plate. Next, remove the two screws that hold the switch in its box (one at each end) and pull it out as far as the wires readily permit.

Loosen the terminal screws and work the wires out from under them, bending the looped ends no more than necessary. On a single-pole switch, put either wire under either terminal and tighten the screws securely (Fig. 5). Mount mercury



switches with the end marked "top" up.

A three-way switch has two brass screws at one end and a single darker bronze-colored screw at the other. Before disconnecting the old switch, mark the wire that goes to the lone screw. Hook it to the dark screw on the new switch. Connect each of the others to one brass screw.

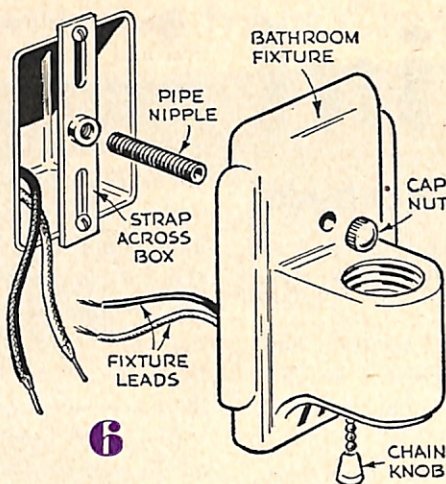
REPLACING AN OUTLET. An unreliable one, or an old-fashioned single outlet, is easily replaced with a modern duplex receptacle. Buy a wall plate to match, if the old one has a single hole.

On withdrawing the old outlet, you may find two or four wires connected to it. If four, two white wires will go to one side, two black ones to the other. Scrape the wire ends clean. Fasten both black wires under the two brass screws of the new receptacle, and both white wires under the nickel-plated screws. Tighten them well and replace the outlet.

Elongated holes in the ears of receptacles and switches allow you to set them parallel with baseboards and wall trim even if the switch box is not.

RENEWING SIDE FIXTURES. To replace bathroom and wall fixtures, first shut off the current. Unscrew the knurled cap nut (Fig. 6) and draw the fixture off the pipe nipple the nut was screwed on. Remove the solderless connectors, or cut the flexible leads if the joints were soldered.

Some old fixtures may be held with screws. For most modern ones you will need a steel strap of the type shown. Fas-



ten it in the box with two screws. Turn the pipe nipple into the strap just far enough to leave a good grip for the cap nut when the fixture is in place.

Scrape the box wires clean and connect the black fixture lead to the black one, white lead to the white one. Use solderless connectors of a size to grip the wires tightly, or solder and tape the joints.

If a bathroom fixture is not too old, a defective pull-chain mechanism in it can be replaced. Slide the chain knob up and take off the end so that the chain can be pulled out with the mechanism. This may be held in by a screw and a small metal strap, or by a threaded porcelain collar. Remove it, take the wires from under the terminal screws, and put in a new socket.

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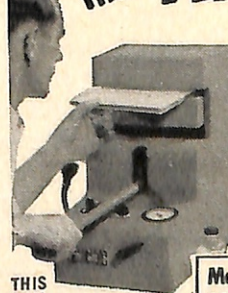
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Editorial

A SUGGESTION FOR SOUND READING

There has just come to our desk the current issue of "Freedom's Facts" published by the All American Conference to Combat Communism.

This we regard as the most informative, accurate and carefully edited information regularly circulated in this country relative to the activities of the Communists and what a threat they are to American institutions.

The management of The Elks Magazine has been very glad to publish such part of each monthly issue of "Freedom's Facts" as space limitations permit. It only regrets that there is not the space available to publish a full copy of these splendid documents each month.

We are making this editorial reference to suggest to each member of the Order, each reader of The Elks Magazine, (Americans all and enemies of communism) to read each month such part of "Freedom's Facts" as space is available for in our Magazine. (This month see page 47.)

We feel that if the All American Conference did nothing more in fighting communism in this country than it is doing in the distribution of "Freedom's Facts" each month it would have fully justified its existence.

FOUNDATION FACTS

In the "Desert Elk," published by Lancaster, Calif., Lodge, Chairman Malley of the Elks National Foundation Trustees stated the purposes, practices and accomplishments of the Foundation so impressively that we are impelled to give them wider circulation. They are:

That the Foundation has given our Order a tremendous lift in prestige; it has caused the Order to be recognized as an effective agency of benevolence and humanitarian endeavor in all the various fields of philanthropy.

It does the fine and noble deeds which your own thoughts has suggested frequently but which you have never found time to perform. The philosophy which underlies the Foundation is that every member of our Order is a "Do Gooder" at heart but too often a kindly, generous throb of heart dies at birth. The function of the Foundation is to channel the kindly thought to effective performance of good deeds which "determine our whole influence in life".

Twenty-five years ago the Foundation was just a promise, a prediction of what could be done by the organized effort of generous hearted men.

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It has a record of distributions amounting to over \$1,000,000, a scope of benefactions which covers the fields of education, rehabilitation of handicapped children, specialized training to staff cerebral palsy treatment centers, hospitalization for tubercular patients, assistance to innumerable worthy projects sponsored by the State Association of the Order.

All the money that goes into the Foundation fund remains there—always.

Only the income is distributed to assist worthy objects.

The Foundation Trustees work without money compensation and the administrative expenses are paid by special appropriation from the Grand Lodge.

Thus the Foundation is unique among institutions of this general classification.

The Foundation Trustees appeal to the members of the Order to read and learn about the Foundation—to become Foundation conscious, so that when they have money available for charitable and benevolent purposes they will give to the Foundation—that when they are preparing their wills and contemplating bequests for worthy purposes they will think of the Foundation and will use it to implement their benevolent purposes.

Much has been done so well by minority participation on the part of the membership that as one reads the pages of the record he will appreciate the tremendous possibilities of the Elks National Foundation as an institution beneficial to mankind if every one of our million and more members do his share.

Let us do ours.

ADVERTISING SOLICITING ASSISTANCE

There has been such success in selling advertising space in The Elks Magazine that since its foundation in 1922 the National Memorial and Publication Commission has been enabled to pay all expenses of the maintenance of the Elks National Memorial Building and in addition thereto pay the Grand Lodge Treasury about \$200,000 per year.

Such advertising has to be solicited. For that purpose we have three members of the sales staff in New York City, one in Detroit, three in Chicago and four on the West Coast. It is the responsibility of these men to solicit and obtain advertising.

However, we have never heard that they are averse to receiving help from other members of the Order although no general appeal for such help has ever been made.

One of the finest lines of advertising we have added to our list in the last year was secured through the voluntary help of one of our Past Grand Exalted Rulers.

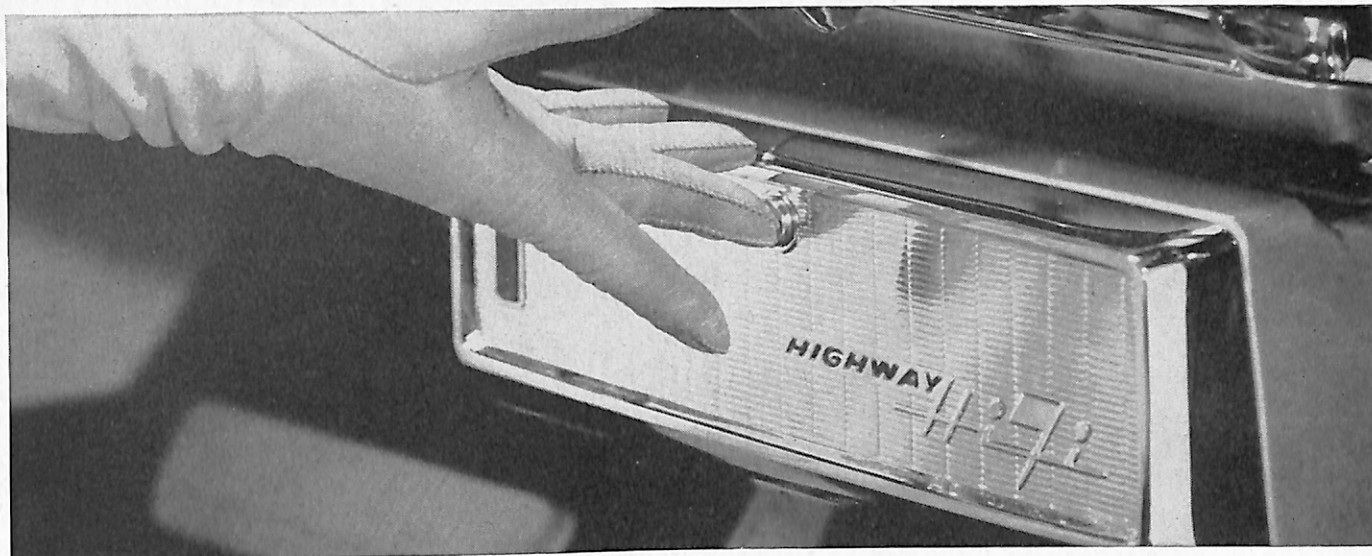
Often there are what might be regarded as sleepers among actual or possible national advertisers unknown to our salesmen but known to some individual Elk or Elks that might be made to see that The Elks Magazine is just the right advertising medium for that advertiser to be using.

All of the preceding is just leading up to our saying that the management of The Elks Magazine is deeply grateful for a very thoughtful act on the part of Exalted Ruler Kenneth E. Epperson of Littleton, Colorado, Lodge, No. 1650.

A short time ago we received from him a list of fifty possible advertisers in the vicinity of that lodge.

Our West Coast representative immediately asked one of his associates to call on the prospects listed. While the contacts have not yet been completed and no definite commitments have been received, the prospects of acquiring new business from this cooperation of Littleton Lodge, which we understand resulted from a suggestion made by District Deputy Robert O. Haywood of Colorado Central, look encouragingly good and the cooperation is greatly appreciated by the management of your Magazine.

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